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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)

DATE: 3/27/53

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)

SUBJECT: MOTTIEL KAGAN, was.
Max Kagan, Max Cohen
SECURITY MATTER - C
OO: Los AngelesRerep of SA ROBERT E. FARRELLY, dated 3/27/53
at Los Angeles.

In Springfield letter to Milwaukee, dated December 26, 1945, it was advised that T-10 in referenced report was a highly reliable and strictly confidential source who, on June 20, 1945, furnished to agents of the Milwaukee Division, the 1945 white registration cards of subjects in the Communist Political Association of Wisconsin.

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REF:CLM

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 3/27/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/8, 13, 14, 16, 20, 27/9; 13, 16-20; 3/2-4, 11; 23/53	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. FARRELLY CLM
TITLE MOTTEL KAGAN, was. Max Kagan, Max Cohen			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject member of Communist Party during period 1942-1952; IWO member 1938-1950; "Terminal Island 4" petition signer 1951; in 1943 subject reported reader of the "Daily Worker" since 1924; subscriber to the "Daily People's World" 1948; Independent Progressive Party member 1949 and 1950; attended Independent Progressive Party affair October, 1952; attended Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case meeting January, 1953. Description set out.

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DETAILS:

All informants hereinafter designated by T symbols are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

BACKGROUND

Name:

United States District Clerk's Office
Northern Division of the Southern
District of Illinois
Naturalization Certificate Number 2269597

Records reflect that subject's name was changed from MOTTEL KAGAN to MAX KAGAN on September 14, 1926, and that he was also known as MAX COHEN.

Birth Data:

Subject was born in Radomisl, Russia, on March 15, 1901.

Citizenship Status:

Subject emigrated from Hamburg, Germany, on June 18, 1909, on the SS Maine and arrived at Baltimore, Maryland, on June 30, 1909. Subject was naturalized at Peoria, Illinois, on September 14, 1926.

Marital Status:

United States District Clerk's Office
Northern Division of the Southern
District of Illinois
Peoria, Illinois
Naturalization Certificate Number
2475207 for JULIA KAGAN, nee Schulner

Records reflect MOTTEL KAGAN married JULIA KAGAN on September 6, 1925.

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Identification Record:

The files of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office reflected no record identifiable with the subject.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department, Record Number 17517, reflects that the subject was arrested on March 6, 1930, on the charge of rioting. Subject was sentenced on March 10, 1930, to six months in the House of Correction and appealed, but was found guilty by the jury and was sentenced to three months in the House of Correction on May 22, 1930.

Employment:

T-1

Subject is presently a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Boulevard, Los Angeles.

T-2

Informant advised in August, 1944 that subject was employed as a filling station attendant, Arrow Service Station, 1923 West Vine Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Los Angeles Retail
Merchants Credit Association

Subject was self-employed at the Hyman Cohen General Store, 2129 South Adams, Peoria, Illinois, for three years.

Subject was manager of the California Surplus Outlet Stores, 6263 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, from approximately October, 1948 until approximately September, 1949.

Residences:

T-1

Subject is presently residing at 5625 Bowesfield, Los Angeles.

T-3

Informant advised in June, 1948 that subject listed

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his address as 205 North St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles.

T-2

Informant advised that as of August, 1944 the subject resided at 1923 West Vine Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

T-4

Informant advised in May, 1948 that the subject resided at 801 Aiken Street, Peoria, Illinois.

Los Angeles Retail
Merchants Credit Association

Subject has resided in the Los Angeles area since July, 1948.

Subject, as of September, 1952, had resided at 1733½ Hauser Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, for four years and had previously resided at 205 North St. Anderson, Los Angeles, and 2129 South Adams, Peoria, Illinois.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

T-5

Informant advised that on May 27, 1942, subject attended a meeting sponsored by the West Allis Branch of the Communist Party held at the OKUV Hall, 1218 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Informant advised that on August 13 and 14, 1942, subject attended a trade union school sponsored by the Communist Party and held in Bues Hall, 914 North Plankington Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Informant advised that on January 16, 1943, subject was present at a Lenin Memorial Meeting sponsored by the Communist Party and held in Juneau Hall at the Milwaukee Auditorium.

T-6

Subject's name was included on the list of circulators of nominating petitions for FRED BASSETT BLAIR, Communist

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candidate for the Governorship of Wisconsin in the November 3, 1942 election.

T-7

Informant advised that a meeting of Communist Party members of the American Federation of Labor was held at the home of the subject on March 15, 1943. NED SPARKS, President of the Wisconsin Communist Party, was present and questioned the subject thoroughly with regard to the Federated Trades Council.

Informant advised that on May 17, 1943, a meeting of members of the Communist Party who were in the American Federation of Labor was held at the subject's home. The subject at this meeting was reprimanded by NED SPARKS, President of the Wisconsin Communist Party, for being too cautious and for not getting in touch with other Party members in the union. It was decided that future meetings would be held in the Jewish Center, the subject's home or else in a hotel room to decide on what should be done in each A.F. of L. union.

Informant advised that the subject was present at a meeting held November 16, 1943, in Room 114 of the Wisconsin Hotel for the purpose of discussing Communist Party work within the American Federation of Labor. The informant advised that these meetings were held once a month.

Informant advised that the subject was present at the Roundtable Discussion of the Communist Party held on January 22, 1944, at the North Avenue Auditorium.

T-23

Informant advised on January 17, 1944, that the subject was one of the persons in the Second Ward Branch of the Communist Party nominated as an officer. Informant on January 19, 1944, advised that the subject was elected as an executive board member in the Second Ward Branch of the Communist Party.

T-7, T-8 and T-9

Informants advised that the subject attended a Communist Party Convention held at the North Avenue Auditorium starting April 30, 1944.

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T-10

Informant advised that MAX KAGAN, 1923 West Vine Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was issued 1944 Communist Card Number 54638.

T-4

Informant advised that a Communist Party meeting was held on October 10, 1946, at the subject's place of business, 2129 South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois.

Informant advised on March 2, 1947, that subject was present at a Communist Party meeting held at 30 Kettelle Street, Peoria, Illinois, at which the field of Communism, with respect to the principles of LENIN, STALIN and ENGELS were discussed.

Informant on February 15, 1948, advised that the subject was a member of the Community Group of the Communist Party in Peoria, Illinois.

T-11

Informant advised that MAX KAGAN, 1733½ Hauser Boulevard, Los Angeles, was Press Director for the Number One Club, New Center Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party.

Informant advised as of July 22, 1952, the subject was Press Director of Club Number One, New Center Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party.

Informant advised that the subject was present at a meeting of the Fair Employment Practices Committee of the New Center Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party, held July 15, 1952.

Informant advised that subject was present at a meeting of the Fair Employment Practices Committee of the New Center Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party, on August 22, 1952.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

International Workers Order (IWO):

The IWO has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

T-12

Informant on June 15, 1950, advised that subject was a member of IWO Lodge 141 and had been a member of the IWO since March, 1938.

Informant advised on May 7, 1952, that the subject transferred from Lodge 141, IWO, to Local 443, IWO, in August, 1950.

Los Angeles Committee for
Protection of Foreign Born (LACFPB):

T-13

Informant advised on March 25, 1952, that the LACFPB is an adjunct of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. It activates on a local level, policies as laid down by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Informant advised that a petition demanding the release of the "Terminal Island 4" sponsored by the LACFPB contained the name of the subject in June, 1951.

Informant advised on March 25, 1952, that the "Terminal Island 4" is a term applied for the four aliens, HARRY CARLISLE, FRANK CARLSON, DAVID HYUN and MARIAN STEVENSON, arrested in October, 1950 under the McCarran Act by Immigration officials in Los Angeles, California, for deportation because of alleged Communist activities.

Informant advised that "the four political prisoners" is another term applied to the four aliens, HARRY CARLISLE, FRANK CARLSON, DAVID HYUN and MARIAN STEVENSON.

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Informant advised in January, 1951 that the name MAX KAGAN, 1733½ Hauser Boulevard, Los Angeles, appeared on a petition addressed to Mr. HERMAN LANDON, United States Department of Immigration, Los Angeles. The petition read as follows:

"Merry Christmas, Mr. Landon, in the name of the four political prisoners jailed for eight weeks and threatened with deportation. Merry Christmas in the name of their children who want them home. We demand you release them on bail as required by the Constitution and stop using the McCarran Law to persecute innocent people."

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case:

T-21

Informant advised that "The Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" is dominated by and its activities are directed by members of the Communist Party.

T-20

Informant advised in January, 1953 that the subject attended a mass meeting of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case at Factor Hall, 6075 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, on January 6, 1953.

"Daily Worker":

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper. The "Worker" is the Sunday edition.

T-15

Informant advised on August 7, 1942, that the subject subscribed to the "Daily Worker" and/or the "Sunday Worker."

Informant on August 20, 1943, furnished a testimonial which read as follows:

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"I have been reading the 'Daily Worker' since its first issue in 1924. As an American Federation of Labor member, I value the contributions the 'Daily Worker' makes towards winning the war and strengthening the labor movement.

"/s/ MAX KAGAN
Local 982
Teamsters Union
A.F. of L."

The informant advised that on August 30, 1943, the subject paid \$6 for Communist Party Press Club dues and his "Daily Worker."

T-16

Informant advised that as of December, 1948 the subject was a subscriber to the "Daily People's World."

The "Daily People's World" is a West Coast Communist daily newspaper.

T-17

Informant advised that in February, 1953 a woman named JULIA, with her husband, requested an individual to subscribe to the "Daily People's World." Informant copied the license number. The license number given by the informant and checked through the Department of Motor Vehicles, State of California, reflects this car was registered to MAX KAGAN, 1733¹/₂ Hauser Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Independent Progressive Party (IPP):

T-22

Informant advised on March 21, 1951, that the IPP in Los Angeles County is under the complete control of the Communist Party, which sets its organizational goals, organizes its forces and assigns its leadership. Membership in the IPP, however, does not, of itself, indicate Communist Party membership on the part of any particular member.

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Los Angeles County
Registrar of Voters

On September 15, 1949, the subject registered his intention to affiliate with the IPP.

T-18

Informant advised in April, 1951 that the subject was a member of the IPP.

T-11 and T-19

Informants advised on December 30, 1952, that the subject attended an IPP hootnanny held in October, 1952 at 6063 Hargis Street, Culver City, California.

DESCRIPTION

Immigration and Naturalization
Service and T-1

		<u>SUMMARY</u>
Name:	MOTTEL KAGAN was. Max Kagan, Max Cohen	
Sex:	Male	
Race:	White	<u>USSR.</u>
Age:	52 (March 15, 1901, Radomisl, Russia)	<u>MD</u>
Residence:	5625 Bowesfield, Los Angeles	<u>ILL</u>
Height:	5' 3"	
Weight:	130 pounds	<u>CALIF.</u>
Build:	Medium	
Hair:	Brown	<u>Germany</u>
Eyes:	Brown	
Complexion:	Medium	
Occupation:	Partner, United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Boulevard, Los Angeles	
Marital Status:	Married	
Immediate relatives:	Wife, JULIA KAGAN ; Nee Schulner Daughter, RITA KAGAN ; Son, MILTON KAGAN	
Nationality:	American	
Country of Birth:	Russia	<u>CALIF</u>

Mrs. Mottel Kagan

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FBI Number: 5123038
Milwaukee Police
Department: 17517
Social Security Number: 394-09-0060

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To *Director, FBI (Reg.)*

Date

5/22/

1953

Memo To: **REGISTERED**

SAC

Title: *MOTTEL KAGAN, was.*

ASAC

Supervisor

SM-C

Agent

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Clerk

Chief Clerk

File No. *100-23439***REGISTERED**

ACTION DESIRED

LA file # 100-28329

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Open Case

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Recharge serials

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Submit new charge-out

Leads need attention

Submit report by

Type

Return Serials

Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

*Re: SA Robert E. Fanelly, 3/27/53, Los Angeles**attached are amended pages 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 19 of re: rep.**case is being placed in closed status*

S.A.C.

Office

J F Malone
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(In intra office use return this with notation as to action taken or explanation.)

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In view of the subject's current activities in the Communist movement, it is recommended that he remain on the security index.

Subject's wife, JULIA KAGAN, Los Angeles file 100-42739, is on the security index.

The Milwaukee and Springfield Divisions have been requested to furnish appropriate documentation.

Lead:

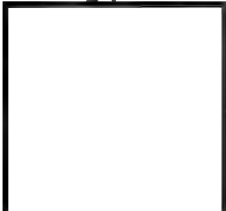
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At Los Angeles, California: Upon receipt of documentation from Milwaukee and Springfield, amended administrative pages will be distributed and case will be closed.

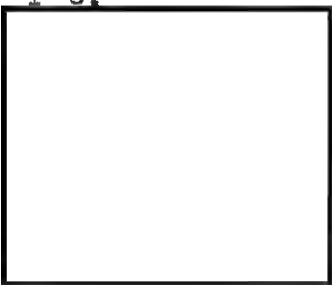
Informants:

Source	Date Received	Date and/or Description of Activity	Agent	Location
T-1: Pretext telephone call	1/12/53		WILLIAM D. COSTIGAN	100-28329-69
T-2: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	Fall, 1944	1944 residence	Agents of Milwaukee Division	100-28329-18, Pg. 12

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Source	Date Received	Date and/or Description of Activity	Agent	Location
T-2: (Cont'd)	Fall, 1944	1944 employ- ment	Agents of Milwaukee Division	100-28329-18, Pg. 12
T-3: 	6/12/48	1948 resi- dence	Agents of Springfield Division	100-28329-1
FOIA b 7 - (D)				
T-4: 	5/48	Subject's 1948 address	Unavailable	orally
	Unavailable	10/10/46 CP meeting	Unavailable	
	Unavailable	3/2/47 CP meeting	Unavailable	
	Unavailable	Subject CP member	Unavailable	
T-5: 		5/27/42 CP meeting	Agent of Milwaukee Division	Chronologically filed in Milwaukee Police Department
		CP Trade Union School	Agent of Milwaukee Division	Chronologically filed in Milwaukee Police Department

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Source	Date Received	Date and/or Description of Activity	Agent	Location
T-5: (Cont'd)		CP Lenin Memorial Meeting 1/43	Agent of Milwaukee Division	Chronologically filed in Milwaukee Police Department
T-6: 		CP petition circulator	C. B. HOWARD	Destroyed by Secretary of State Office according to law
T-7: 	4/2/43	A.F. of L. CP members meeting 3/15/43	FRANK M. FUDALI	MI file 100-42-964 (239)
	5/17/43	A.F. of L. CP members meeting 5/17/43	FRANK M. FUDALI	MI file 100-42-1033, Pg. 215 (unable to locate original info)
	11/16/43	A.F. of L. CP members meeting 11/16/43	FRANK M. FUDALI	MI file 100-42-1191 (707)
	1/22/44	CP Roundtable discussion 1/22/44	FRANK M. FUDALI	MI file 100-42-1230 (643)

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Source	Date Received	Date and/or Description of Activity	Agent	Location
T-7: (Cont'd)	4/30/44	CP Convention 1944	FRANK M. FUDALI	MI file 100-42-1256 (45)
T-8: [redacted]	4/30/44	CP Convention 1944	FRANK M. FUDALI	MI file 100-42-1256 (45)
T-9: [redacted]	4/30/44	CP Convention 1944	FRANK M. FUDALI	MI file 100-42-1256 (45)
T-10: Confidential Source of Milwaukee Division	6/20/45	1945 CPA membership card (photo)	Agents of Milwaukee Division	100-28329-31
T-11: [redacted]	3/25/52	CP Club Press Director	HARVEY G. BERKEY	[redacted]
	7/22/52	CP Club Press Director	HARVEY G. BERKEY	100-28329-65 (orally)
FOIA(b) 7 - (D)	8/18/52	CP Club FEPC meeting 7/15/52	HARVEY G. BERKEY	[redacted]
	9/8/52	CP Club FEPC meeting 8/22/52	HARVEY G. BERKEY	[redacted]
	12/30/52	IPP hootnanny	HARVEY G. BERKEY	[redacted]

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Source	Date Received	Date and/or Description of Activity	Agent	Location
T-12: [redacted]	6/15/50	6/50 IWO member	H. P. LARSON and SE S. W. (written) JENNINGS	100-1784-1A-523
FOIA b 7 - D)	5/7/52	IWO transfer	E. K. DEANE and SE A. W. CONWAY	100-1784-1B-31 Vol. 1, Pg. 2 (original)
T-13: [redacted]	3/25/52	LACFPB "Thumbnail"	H. EDWARD WHITE	
	6/11/51	"Terminal Island 4" Petition	H. EDWARD WHITE	100-1783 (original)
	3/25/52	"Terminal Island 4" Thumbnail	H. EDWARD WHITE	
T-14: [redacted]	1/2/51	Political Prisoners Petition	ROBERT F. RYAN	100-1783-1B-6 Pg. 1 (original)
T-15: [redacted]	8/7/42	1942 subscriber "Daily Worker"	FRANK M. FUDALI	MI file 100-42- 723, Exh. 280

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Source	Date Received	Date and/or Description of activity	Agent	Location
T-13: [redacted]	3/25/52	LACFPB "Thumbnail"	H. EDWARD WHITE	
	6/11/51	"Terminal Island 4" Petition	H. EDWARD WHITE	100-1783 (original)
	3/25/52	"Terminal Island 4" Thumbnail	H. EDWARD WHITE	
T-14: [redacted]	1/2/51	Political Prisoners Petition	ROBERT F. RYAN	100-1783-1B-6 Pg. 1 (original)
T-15: [redacted]	8/7/42	1942 subscriber "Daily Worker"		Awaiting docu- mentation (Re report 11/25/44 at Milwaukee entitled MOTTEL KAGAN, IS - C, Pg. 2, Para. 4)
	8/20/43	"Daily Worker" testimonial		Awaiting docu- mentation (Re report 11/25/44 at Milwaukee entitled MOTTEL KAGAN, IS - C, Pg. 4, Para. 8)
T-16: [redacted]	5/25/49	"Daily People's World" sub- scriber	VERNON D. JENSEN	97-16-1A-333 (written)

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Source	Date Received	Date and/or Description of Activity	Agent	Location
T-17: [REDACTED]	3/3/53	"Daily People's World" subscription salesman	ROBERT E. FARRELLY	[REDACTED]
T-18: [REDACTED]	4/19/51	IPP member	JAMES J. FAZIOLA	
T-19: [REDACTED]	12/30/52	IPP hootnanny	HARVEY G. BERKEY	
T-20: [REDACTED]	1/9/53	LACSJRC mass meeting	JAMES E. BINKS	
T-21: [REDACTED]		LACSJRC Thumbnail	ROMNEY STEWART	
T-22: [REDACTED]	3/21/51	IPP Thumbnail	H. RAWLINS OVERTON and JOHN P. McHUGH	

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date and/or Description of Activity</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-23: 	1/17/44	CP Executive Board Member		

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May 14, 1953

RE: MOTTEL KAGAN was.
 Max Kagan; Max Cohen
 Born: March 15, 1901
 Radomisl, Russia

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This information is being furnished as a result of your request for an FBI file check only and is not to be considered as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved.

A search of the records of this Bureau failed to locate any data pertinent to your inquiry other than that which is set forth below.

For information concerning the subject of your inquiry, you are referred to the files of the following agencies:

Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, California, to which have been furnished investigative reports in the case entitled "Mottel Kagan, was. Max Kagan, Max Cohen Security Matter - C" pertaining to the subject of your name check request. Your attention is particularly called to the summary report of Special Agent Robert E. Farrelly dated March 27, 1953 at Los Angeles, California.

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Original to Los Angeles, California INS
 Request received April 13, 1953.

J. E. Watson:bjd

Note: Case in pending status and telephonic contact made with supervisor E. W. Nelson Internal Security Section.

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MAY 15 1953

MAY 26 1953

File No.: 1146-7-85-33

Name: MAX KAGAN

Office of Origin: Los Angeles

Address: 5625 Bowesfield
Los Angeles, California

Born (Country & Date): 3/15/01
Russia

If Naturalized

Occupation: Partner

(a) Year : 9/14/26
(b) Prior Nationality: Russian

Employer: United Surplus Company
4501 East Slauson Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

If Alien, Nationality:

Last Report Reviewed: 3/27/53 (S)

Last Activity:

Organizations:

Activities:

BUREAU ADDENDUM:

Enclosure to memorandum dated
5-15-53, from the AAG in Charge
of the Criminal Division approving the
name of captioned individual for inclusion
in the Security Index. Approval appears in
100-398030-19.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)

DATE: 7/5/55

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)

SUBJECT: MOTTEL KAGAN
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OO: Los AngelesREFERENCE

SAC Letter #55-30.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

All information set forth hereinafter has been received from informants who have furnished reliable information in the past.

In 1942 KAGAN attended a school sponsored by the CP in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1943 a CP meeting was held at the subject's house in Wisconsin, at which time NED SPARKS, president of the Wisconsin CP, was present. He was a member of the Second Ward Branch of the CP in 1944 in Milwaukee and was an Executive Board member of the CP. He was a member of the CP in 1946-48 in Peoria, Illinois. In 1952 he was a member of the Number One Club of the LACCP. He was press director of this club in 1952. In 1953 the subject received a confidential assignment with the LACCP Underground apparatus. His name was maintained in an unknown capacity by the LACCP in 1954.

In 1950 and 1952 KAGAN was a member of Lodge 141 of the International Workers Order in Los Angeles. KAGAN attended a mass meeting sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee to secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case at Los Angeles in 1953. He subscribed to the 'Daily Worker' in 1942 and the 'Daily People's World' in 1948. KAGAN was affiliated with the Independent Progressive Party in 1949, 1951-53.

RECOMMENDATION

Retain on the Security Index. In view of the subject's membership in the LACCP in 1952 and his contact with

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the LACCP Underground in 1953, as reported by informants who have furnished reliable information in the past, it is recommended he be retained on the Security Index.

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- 1) No present tabbing
- 2) Not applicable
- 3) No tabbing recommended

*File does not reflect
he participated in the
underground*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 7/5/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/20, 23-25; 6/6, 8/55	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. McNEVIN	nak asm
TITLE MOTTEL KAGAN Was., Max Kagan, Max Cohen			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In early 1954 MAX KAGAN, 5623 Bowesfield, was being considered for a confidential assignment by the Los Angeles County Communist Party. The name, MAX KAGAN, was maintained by the Independent Progressive Party in 1953. MAX KAGAN, 5623 Bowesfield, Los Angeles, was a member of the International Workers Order in late 1953.

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DETAILS:

The Los Angeles County Communist Party will be referred to hereinafter as the LACCP.

All informants indicated by "T" symbol in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

BACKGROUND

EMPLOYMENT

T-1

As of June 8, 1955 MAX KAGAN was a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

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RESIDENCE

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As of June 8, 1955 KAGAN's residence was 5623 Bowesfield Street, Los Angeles, California.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

T-2

In early 1954 MAX KAGAN, 5623 Bowesfield, Los Angeles, California, was being considered for a confidential assignment by the LACCP.

T-3

The name, MAX KAGAN, 5623 Bowesfield, was maintained by the LACCP in July, 1954. Informant did not know what significance, if any, this represented.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY PROGRAM

INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY (IPP)

T-4

T-4 advised on May 17, 1954 that the IPP in Los Angeles County is under the complete control of the Communist Party which sets its organizational goals, organizes its forces, and assigns its leadership. Membership in the IPP, however, does not of itself indicate Communist Party membership on the part of any particular member.

T-5

MAX KAGAN attended a function sponsored by the West Adams IPP Club on March 20, 1953 at 3012 Wellington, Los Angeles.

The name, MAX KAGAN, 5623 Bowesfield, Los Angeles, was maintained by the IPP in September, 1953.

T-6

The name, MAX KAGAN, 1733 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hauser, Los Angeles, was maintained by the Westlake Club, IPP, in March, 1953.

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INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER (IWO)

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-7

MAX KAGAN, 5623 Bowersfield, Los Angeles, California, Lodge No. 443, born 1901, was a member of the IWO in late 1953, having joined the IWO in 1938.

MISCELLANEOUS

"DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD" (DPW)

The DPW is "the official organ of the Communist Party on the West Coast" according to the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, Page 95.

T-8

MAX KAGAN attended a function sponsored by the DPW on April 18, 1953 at 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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In 1954 MAX KAGAN was being considered for a confidential assignment by the LACCP. It is recommended that he be retained on the Security Index.

Subject's wife, JULIA KAGAN, LA File 100-42739; Bufile 100-23439, is on the Security Index. Subject's daughter, RITA TAMKIN, LA File 100-42121, Bufile 100-397075, is on the Security Index.

Subject has personally been observed by agent personnel.

Information appearing on subject's Security Index card is current and accurate.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and "T" symbols were utilized only in those instances where the source must be concealed.

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Information attributed to T-2 [redacted] and T-3 [redacted] has been paraphrased in the details of this report to conceal and protect the identity of the informants. T-2 actually made available information in the possession of VICTORIA LANDISH FROMKIN, who has been described as being responsible for the procurement of personnel and housing facilities to be utilized by the LACCP underground apparatus. On January 20, 1954, T-2 made available a verification statement of MAX and JULIA KAGAN, which has generally been required of individuals providing services or facilities utilized by the LACCP underground apparatus. On February 11, 1954, T-2 made available a notebook reflecting that MAX and JULIA KAGAN were being considered for or were being utilized for housing facilities for the LACCP underground apparatus.

T-3 actually made available information in the possession of PATRICIA ARKIN, who has been described as being responsible for the custody of records of the LACCP Review Commission. T-3 made available a paper containing the names, "MAX and JULIA KAGAN", and reflecting that they have a long history in the Communist movement but are apprehensive and are personal opportunists.

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T-1, Pretext telephone call to employment and residence		6/ 8/55	WILLIAM J. McNEVIN	
T-2, [redacted]	Consideration for LACCP confidential assignment	1/20/54	HOLLOWAY CROMER, JR.	[redacted]
"	"	2/11/54	"	
T-3, [redacted]	Association with Western Division, LACCP	7/22/54 7/25/54	VERNON D. JENSEN	
T-4, [redacted]	IFP	5/17/54	H. RAWLINS OVERTON	Oral
T-5, [redacted]	3/20/53	3/24/53	SIDNEY M. WOLF	[redacted]
	9/15/53	9/18/53	"	
T-6, [redacted]	Name maintained by IPP	3/23/53	HARRY H. WHIDBEE	100-24855-1B34, Vol. 2, P.182
T-7, [redacted]	IWO membership records	6/22/54	DAMON W. PITCHER (NY)	100-1784-1B87, P.268
T-8, [redacted]	4/18/53	5/ 1/53	HARVEY G. BERKEY	[redacted]

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT E. FARRELLY, 3/27/53, Los Angeles.

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SYNOPSIS:

KAGAN attended meetings of the Sojourner Truth Club, West Jefferson Section, Moranda Smith Division, Los Angeles County Communist Party, during 1955 and 1956, of which Club he was Literature Director.

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is marked changed to show the legal name of MAX KAGAN, which change was made from MOTTEL KAGAN on September 14, 1926, as reflected in the records of the United States District Clerk's Office for the Northern Division of the Southern District of Illinois, Naturalization Certificate Number 2269597.

All sources designated by T symbols in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

By means of suitable pretext interviews conducted by a Special Agent of the FBI on July 17, 1956, it was determined that MAX KAGAN continues as a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California, and resides at 5623 Bowesfield Street, Los Angeles, California.

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

T-1

Informant advised on December 12, 1955, that MAX KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth Club, West Jefferson Section, Moranda Smith Division, Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP), on November 29, 1955. This meeting was held at 2824 Bronson Avenue, Los Angeles, and KAGAN was named Educational and Literature Director of this Club.

Informant advised on December 13, 1955, that MAX KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club on December 7, 1955, at 2130 - 3rd Avenue, Los Angeles, at which time he paid \$10.00 dues and sustainer.

T-2

Informant advised on December 13, 1955, that MAX KAGAN was present at the Sojourner Truth CP Club meeting held December 7, 1955, at 2130 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles. KAGAN was described by informant as being Literature Director of this CP Club.

T-1

Informant advised on January 4, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present at the Sojourner Truth CP Club meeting held on December 28, 1955, at 1250 - 4th Avenue, Los Angeles.

Informant advised on January 24, 1956, that KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club on January 18, 1956, at 4340 West 28th Street, Los Angeles. At this meeting, KAGAN reported on the new methods for CP club educationals to be conducted. He stated that the county

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CP leaders would prepare the program to serve as an outline and bibliography.

T-2

Informant advised on January 24, 1956, that KAGAN was present at the Sojourner Truth CP Club meeting on January 18, 1956, at 4340 West 28th Street, Los Angeles. KAGAN in his capacity as Literature Director furnished a report and urged members to read LENIN's works and asked for the Club members to direct a discussion on LENIN's life.

Informant advised on January 31, 1956, that KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club on January 25, 1956, which was held at 2130 - 3rd Avenue, Los Angeles. KAGAN, as Literature Director, requested orders for literature from those members in attendance.

T-3

Informant advised on February 23, 1956, that MAX KAGAN attended a CP club meeting of the West Jefferson Section, Moranda Smith Division, held on January 24, 1956, at 2130 - 3rd Avenue, Los Angeles.

T-1

Informant furnished information on February 7, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present at a Sojourner Truth CP Club meeting on February 1, 1956, at 4340 West 28th Street, Los Angeles. At this meeting, KAGAN paid his complete pledge to the California Emergency Defense Committee (CEDC).

The CEDC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2

Informant advised on February 6, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club on February 1, 1956, at 4340 West 28th Street, Los Angeles. KAGAN, as Literature Director of this CP Club, requested all members to submit a leaflet which would be passed on to the CP section, which section would in turn pass judgment on the leaflets submitted and the best would be sent to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, CP, USA, Chairman, as a token of appreciation in commemoration of his birthday.

T-1

On February 24, 1956, informant furnished information that MAX KAGAN was present on February 22, 1956, at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club at 2130 - 3rd Avenue, Los Angeles. KAGAN gave the educational at this meeting and urged the members present to join the Democratic Party and to be active therein, exerting pressure on any political point the CP favored and to oppose measures which the CP opposed.

T-2

Informant advised on March 1, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present at a Sojourner Truth CP Club meeting held on February 22, 1956, at 2130 - 3rd Avenue, Los Angeles. KAGAN gave the educational concerning a recent Democratic Party convention which had been held at Fresno, California. KAGAN stated that CP members should become active in the Democratic Party.

T-3

On March 16, 1956, informant furnished information to the effect that MAX KAGAN was present at a West Jefferson CP Section Board meeting held March 1, 1956, at 3051 South Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles. KAGAN, described as a CP Club Educational Director, was designated to give a report at a forthcoming conference (not otherwise described) scheduled for March 18, 1956.

T-2

On March 13, 1956, informant advised that MAX KAGAN was present at a Sojourner Truth CP Club meeting held on March 7, 1956, at 4340 West 28th Street, Los Angeles.

Informant advised on March 27, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club on March 21, 1956, at 4340 West 28th Street, Los Angeles. KAGAN, in his capacity of Club Literature Director, took orders for literature from the CP members present.

T-1

Informant advised on March 28, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club held on March 21, 1956, at 4340 West 28th Street, Los Angeles.

T-2

Informant advised on April 10, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present on April 4, 1956, at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club which was held at 1250 - 4th Avenue, Los Angeles. KAGAN gave the educational regarding KHRUSHCHEV's "Report on the 20th Congress, CP, SU."

On April 17, 1956, informant advised that MAX KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club held on April 12, 1956, at 1250 - 4th Avenue, Los Angeles. KAGAN discussed WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's new book, "Outline History of the International Trade Union Movement," and advised persons present to commence preparation for the general elections.

Informant advised on April 25, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club on April 19, 1956, at 4340 West 28th Street, Los Angeles. KAGAN took orders for literature from those present at this meeting.

On May 9, 1956, informant advised that MAX KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club which was held on May 3, 1956, at 1250 - 4th Avenue, Los Angeles. KAGAN, in his capacity as Club Literature Director, gave a report on the May issue of "Political Affairs."

"Political Affairs" has been cited in the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities Report Number 1920 dated May 11, 1948, as an "official CP theoretical organ." "'Political Affairs,' formerly known as 'The Communist,' a magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published monthly by the CP, USA,' now calls itself 'a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism.' Its Chief Editor is EUGENE DENNIS, Executive Secretary of the Party."

T-2

Informant advised on May 23, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present at a meeting of the Sojourner Truth CP Club held May 17, 1956, at 1250 - 4th Avenue, Los Angeles.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INDICATING A FURTHERANCE
OF THE CP PROGRAM

CEDC

T-1

Informant advised on March 28, 1956, that MAX KAGAN was present at a bazaar sponsored by the CEDC held on March 25,

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1956, at 1251 South St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles.

Hugh Gordon Bookshop (HGB)

T-4

Informant advised on May 15, 1956, that ADELE YOUNG, a CP member and Manager of the HGB, has stated the Bookshop receives \$150.00 per month from the LACCP to help defray the costs of purchasing and handling CP literature.

T-1

Informant advised on February 23, 1956, that MAX KAGAN attended a reception on February 15, 1956, at the Danish Hall, 23rd Street and Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, which was sponsored by the HGB.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This case has been re-evaluated in light of the Security Index criteria as set forth in SAC Letter 55-30. It is recommended that KAGAN be retained on the Security Index because of his CP membership as late as May 1956.

KAGAN's Security Index cards have been reviewed and found to be current and accurate.

KAGAN's wife, JULIA KAGAN, is maintained on the Security Index and is the subject of Bufile 100-420546.

Pretext interviews were pretext telephone calls made on July 17, 1956, by SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN to KAGAN's residence and employment requesting a donation for a charity drive.

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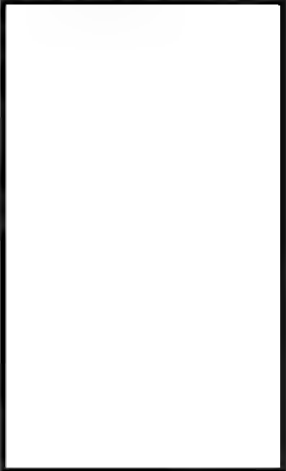
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REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. MC NEVIN dated 7/5/55 at Los Angeles.

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SYNOPSIS:

MAX KAGAN attended meetings of the Sojourner Truth Club, West Jefferson Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party in 1956. Informants have no knowledge of participation in Communist Party activity on the part of KAGAN during 1957.

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DETAILS:

All street addresses set forth in this report are at Los Angeles, California unless otherwise indicated.

Unless otherwise indicated informants reported no active participation by MAX KAGAN in meetings and activities set forth herein where he was in attendance.

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BACKGROUND

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

It was ascertained through appropriate pretexts by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 29, 1957 that MAX KAGAN continued to reside at 5623 Bowesfield Street and that he is self employed as a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

CP MEETINGS ATTENDED

T-1 (7/10/56)

MAX KAGAN attended a meeting of the Sojourner Truth Club, West Jefferson Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP) at 1250 4th Avenue on July 5, 1956. Principal discussion at this meeting concerned the financial status of the "Daily People's World" (DPW). MAX KAGAN, the Literature Director for this CP Club, collected money for literature he had distributed.

The DPW, now known as the "People's World", became a weekly publication in February, 1957 and is a west coast Communist newspaper.

(7/18/56)

MAX KAGAN attended a meeting of the Sojourner Truth Club, West Jefferson Section, LACCP, at 1795 West 25th Street on July 12, 1956. At this meeting MAX KAGAN criticized the leaders of the CP, USA as having been too far removed from the rank and file members during the recent years. He stated that for the good of the CP, re-organization was required in the CP, USA.

(7/24/56)

MAX KAGAN attended a meeting of the Sojourner Truth Club, West Jefferson Section, LACCP, at 1233 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mariposa Avenue, on July 18, 1956. MAX KAGAN collected money for issues of "Political Affairs".

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T-1 (8/9/56)

MAX KAGAN attended a meeting of the Sojourner Truth Club, West Jefferson Section, LACCP, at 1410 South Van Ness Avenue on August 8, 1956. MAX KAGAN spoke concerning the need for all CP members to read "Political Affairs" for the month of August for proper indoctrination in the current CP policy.

T-2 (6/29/56)

On June 12, 1956 MAX KAGAN participated in a closed CP meeting which was attended by CP Club members and leaders who were described by the informant as political leaders in the CP. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussion of results of recent local elections and was held at 5623 Bowesfield Street, KAGAN's residence.

(8/29/56)

MAX KAGAN attended a meeting of CP members of the Moranda Smith Division, LACCP, on July 16, 1956 at the Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue. This was a meeting open to all CP members in the Moranda Smith Division and was called for the purpose of discussion and re-evaluation of the CP program in recent years as well as for proposals from the CP membership for the future CP program.

T-3 (7/3/56)

On June 20, 1956 MAX KAGAN attended a joint meeting of two CP Clubs in the West Jefferson Section, LACCP at 2130 3rd Avenue. The discussion at this meeting concerned the report of EUGENE DENNIS, Secretary of the CP, USA to the National Committee of the CP, USA, entitled "The Communists Take a New Look".

T-4 (1/22/57)

On January 19, 1957 MAX KAGAN attended a party which was sponsored by two CP Clubs in the West Jefferson Section, Moranda Smith Division, LACCP, held at 1074 Leighton Avenue. This party was open to persons other than CP members and was attended by officers of District 13, CP, USA.

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T-4 (7/26/57)

These informants, who know MAX KAGAN and who have knowledge concerning some CP activity in the area of Los Angeles, California which formerly encompassed the West Jefferson Section, LACCP and which is now included in the newly organized Moranda Smith Section of the Southern California District, CP, have advised they have had no knowledge of actual participation in closed CP meetings on the part of MAX KAGAN during 1957. These informants indicated that they are unaware of the reason for this lack of participation on the part of KAGAN and they have no information concerning any defection on his part from the CP.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CP PROGRAM

DPW

T-4 (11/2/56)

On October 27, 1956 MAX KAGAN attended a fund-raising party for the benefit of the DPW, which was held at 3048 Victoria Avenue.

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APPENDIX

"POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

The Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities Report No. 1920, dated May 11, 1948, pages 5 and 36, cited "Political Affairs" as an "official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ." "Political Affairs, formerly known as The Communist, 'a magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published monthly by the Communist Party of the United States of America,' now calls itself 'a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism.' Its chief editor is EUGENE DENNIS, executive secretary of the Party."

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Los Angeles, California
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MAX KAGAN, with aliases

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furnished reliable information in the past.

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SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, Was.
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Rerep of SA WILLIAM E. O'NEILL dated 8/27/57 at Los Angeles, four copies of which are enclosed, together with four copies of a letterhead memorandum.

This report is classified confidential since it contains security information, the ~~unauthorized~~ disclosure of which would adversely affect the internal security of the United States.

This case has been re-evaluated under the current Security Index criteria and it is recommended that MAX KAGAN be retained on the Security Index in view of his ~~lack of~~ ACTIVE attendance at CP meetings in 1956. The Security Index cards for MAX KAGAN have been reviewed and are current and accurate. He has been personally observed and a photograph is available.

JULIA KAGAN, with aliases, spouse of MAX KAGAN, is on the Security Index at Los Angeles, Bufile 100-420546, Los Angeles file 100-42739.

The pretext to determine residence on 7/29/57 was a telephone pretext to JULIA KAGAN at her residence by SA WILLIAM E. O'NEILL, JR. concerning her husband's business.

The pretext to determine employment was a telephone pretext on 7/29/57 by SA WILLIAM E. O'NEILL, JR. to his place of employment regarding merchandise.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 8/5/58	Investigative Period 6/20;7/3,8,14,16,23/58
TITLE OF CASE MAX KAGAN, was.		Report made by JOHN C. O'NEILL	Typed By: slp
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

Synopsis:

KAGAN continues to reside at 5623 Bowesfield Street, Los Angeles, California, and is self employed as a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California. Informants generally familiar with some Communist Party (CP) activity in the vicinity of KAGAN's residence, advised that they know of no recent CP activity on the part of KAGAN.

DETAILS:

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BACKGROUND

AGENCY R.A.B.
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RESIDENCE & EMPLOYMENT

By means of appropriate pretexts by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 16, 1958, it was ascertained that KAGAN resides at 5623 Bowesfield Street, Los Angeles, California, and is self employed as a partner in the United Surplus Company,

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4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)

DATE: 8/5/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, was.
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OO: LOS ANGELES

Enclosed herewith are four copies of the report of SA JOHN C. O'NEILL, dated as above, at Los Angeles, and four copies of letterhead memorandum.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM E. O'NEILL, JR., dated 8/27/57, at Los Angeles.

KAGAN's residence and employment were determined by means of pretext telephone calls on July 16, 1958, by SA JOHN C. O'NEILL, to a neighbor, Mr. ROBERT OTTO, 5627 Bowesfield Street, Los Angeles, regarding a credit check of KAGAN, and to the subject, regarding the purchase of camping equipment.

NEGATIVE INFORMANTS

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.
8. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____ of KAGAN's attendance at Communist Party meetings in 1956. ✓



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles 17, California

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

100-28329

August 5, 1958

MAX KAGAN, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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HOW FORW. 8/5

BY W.B.P.

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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 8/5/59	Investigative Period 6/26 - 8/4/59
TITLE OF CASE MAX KAGAN, aka		Report made by SA WILLIAM R. WHITE	Typed By: BAV
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA JOHN C. O'NEILL dated 8/5/58 at Los Angeles.

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Pretext interview was by SA WILLIAM R. WHITE on 8/3/59 and was a telephone pretext to a male, claiming to be MAX KAGAN, regarding purchase of some Government surplus.

Informants who were contacted and could furnish no information regarding any recent or current CP activity on the part of KAGAN were [redacted] both of whom orally advised SA W. JAMES WOOD on 8/3/59, and [redacted] who orally advised SA WHITE on 8/3/59.

The wife of MAX KAGAN, JULIA KAGAN (Bufile 100-420546; Lafile 100-42739) and his son, MILTON KAGAN (Bufile 100-408683; Lafile 100-42654) are both included in the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
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KAGAN has been a member of or in attendance at CP meetings from 1942 until as recently as 1956. In view of his CP activity within the last five years, it is recommended he be retained on the SI at this time.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ His activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA WILLIAM R. WHITE
Date: 8/5/59

Office: LOS ANGELES

File Number: LA FILE 100-28329
BU FILE 100-23439
Title: MAX KAGAN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: KAGAN, in August, 1959, resided at 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, and was a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California. Informants advised they knew of no recent or current CP activity on the part of KAGAN.

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DETAILS:BACKGROUNDRESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

It was ascertained by an appropriate pretext on August 3, 1959 by a Special Agent of the FBI that MAX KAGAN resided at 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, had formerly resided at 5623 Bowesfield Street, Los Angeles, and was employed as a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California.

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ACTIVITY

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the general area in which KAGAN resides, have advised that they are not aware of any recent or current CP activity on his part.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California
August 5, 1959

RE: MAX KAGAN, aka
SECURITY MATTER - C

Informants utilized in the report of Special Agent William R. White dated as above at Los Angeles, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)

DATE: 1-29-59

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, aka.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, California

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A. E. Leonard

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REFERENCE: Report of SA WILLIAM R. WHITE, dated 8/5/59, at Los Angeles.

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Pretext interview was by SA WILLIAM R. WHITE on August 3, 1960, and was a telephone pretext to a male, claiming to be MAX KAGAN, regarding his business.

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Informants who were contacted and could furnish no information regarding any recent or current CP activity on the part of KAGAN were [redacted] both of whom orally advised SA W. JAMES WOOD on 8/1/60, [redacted] and [redacted] both of whom orally advised SA ROBERT F. JACOBS on 8/3/60, and [redacted], who orally advised SA WILLIAM R. WHITE on 8/3/60.

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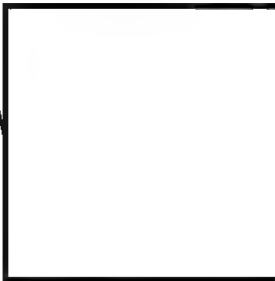
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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)

data reported from LA T-1 through LA T-3 could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

of his continued affiliation with and activity in CP front groups and there being no indication that he would in any way cooperate if contacted, it being noted his wife and son continue active in subversive organizations.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) KAGAN has been a member of, or in attendance at CP meetings from 1942 until as recently as 1956. He has indicated no change in his attitude, by his continued association with CP front groups.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA WILLIAM R. WHITE Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: August 5, 1960
Field Office File No.: Los Angeles 100-28329 Bureau File No.: 100-23439
Title: MAX KAGAN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

KAGAN, in August, 1960, resided at 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, and was a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California. KAGAN was classified as a sustainer of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms in January, 1960. KAGAN attended a meeting of the Women for Legislative Action in July, 1959, and donated articles for the "People's World" rummage store in August, 1959.

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DETAILSBACKGROUNDRESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

It was ascertained by an appropriate pretext on August 3, 1960, by a Special Agent of the FBI, that MAX KAGAN resided at 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, and was employed as a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California.

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IDENTIFICATION RECORD

RECORDS

Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office

The above records were caused to be checked on June 28, 1960, by SE LLOYD H. DUDLEY, and no information identifiable with KAGAN was located.

CREDIT RECORD

Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles

Above records were caused to be checked on June 30, 1960, by SE JAMES L. MAHAN, and indicated that MAX KAGAN was a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California.

ACTIVITY

Unless specifically indicated, informants reported no active participation by KAGAN in the meetings and activities set out below where he was in attendance.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS (CCPAF)

(See appendix)

LA T-1 (1/22/60)

As of January, 1960, MAX KAGAN was one of those individuals classified by the CCPAF as a sustainer of the CCPAF.

WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION (WLA)

(See appendix)

LA T-2 (7/22/59)

On July 18, 1959, a meeting of the WLA was held at 12401 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. MAX KAGAN was among those present and a donation of \$3.00 was collected from each of those in attendance for the WLA.

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"PEOPLE'S WORLD" (PW)

The "People's World" is a West Coast communist newspaper.

LA T-3 (8/21/59)

KAGAN, 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, was one of those individuals who on August 14, 1959, donated articles for a rummage store being opened by the PW at 4733 West Adams, Los Angeles, to raise funds for the PW.

MISCELLANEOUS

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the general area in which KAGAN resides, and who have in the past been aware of the CP activity of KAGAN, have advised that they are not aware of any recent or current CP activity on his part.

Mrs. JEAN GRAEBER
5620 Bowesfield Street
Los Angeles, California
(8/3/60)

GRAEBER, a neighbor of KAGAN's, advised that she had known the KAGAN's for sometime, that the KAGAN's had not had any meetings or gatherings at their home in the recent past, and that the KAGAN's spent most of their time in the evenings and week ends at home.

APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

A source advised on May 4, 1960, that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was organized in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Since its establishment, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, in extending its scope, has worked for the abolition of all Congressional, State, and local committees investigating subversive activities and in the latter part of 1954 became very active in opposition to State and Federal legislation directed at the Communist movement.

FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, is described by the source as the "brains and energy" behind the organization.

Another source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

APPENDIX

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APPENDIX

WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

A source advised on May 3, 1960, that the Women for Legislative Action was formed in 1952, claiming to be an independent organization dedicated to non-partisan participation in legislative and civic activities. Its position in favoring or opposing legislation usually parallels the position of the Communist party and related groups. It also supports legislation to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Membership in the Women for Legislative Action does not, of itself, connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist party.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-23439)

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-28329)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, AKA
SM-C
(OO: Los Angeles)

DATE: 8/30/61

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, and complete background investigation required by Section 107C of the Manual of Instructions will be conducted and Bureau will be requested to authorize recontact with subject as a PSI.

(1) Subject resides in Apt. 1, 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, California. He is a partner, United Surplus Co., 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California. Subject is white and was born 3/15/01 at Radomisl, Russia. KAGAN was naturalized at Peoria, Illinois, 9/14/26. There is no indication KAGAN is in other than good health.

(2) Subject married JULIA KAGAN 9/6/25. She is a housewife and resides with subject at Apt. 1, 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles. She is of the white race.

(3) KAGAN attended Communist Party-sponsored school at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1942. He was a member of the Second Ward Branch of the CP 1944 and an Executive Board member at Milwaukee 1944. He was a CP member in Milwaukee 1946-48. In 1952, KAGAN was the Press Director, No. 1 Club, Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP) and was identified 1953-54 with the LACCP underground.

He was Literature Director of the Sojourners Truth Club, West Jefferson Section, Moranda Smith Section, LACCP, 1955-56. KAGAN has had an extended affiliation with communist

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front and communist infiltrated groups in the Los Angeles area since the early 1950's, including Lodge No. 141, International Workers Order, Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and Independent Progressive Party; and he is currently a sustainer of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms.

(4) Subject's wife, JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN (Bufile 100-420546, Los Angeles file 100-42739), has had CP membership from 1944 at Milwaukee. In the early 1950's, she was an officer including Chairman of the No. 1 New Center Section, LACCP. In 1954, she was identified with the underground of the LACCP. Subsequently she was Chairman of the Anita Whitney Club, West Jefferson Section, LACCP. She was Organizational Secretary of a CP club in 1957. At a CP club meeting 7/25/57, after non-appearance at meetings, she appeared and quit the CP because she felt the CP sold the people short. She indicated she had given up too much from her belief in and support of the CP.

JULIA KAGAN's CP front activity extends from 1951 and has included the Civil Rights Congress, Independent Progressive Party, Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, California Legislative Committee, Jewish People's Fraternal Order and the Women for Legislative Action.

(5) A son, MILTON SAMUEL KAGAN (Bufile 100-408683, Los Angeles 100-42654) was a Labor Youth League member in Los Angeles in 1953. He was a member of the Labor Club, Bay Cities Section, Western Division, LACCP, in 1956 and was Organizational Secretary of that club in 1957. He was Educational Director of the Sectional Council of the Western Section in 1957. He was a member of the Sectional Council of the Western Section in 1957. He was a member of the Sectional Council in 1958 and was a member of the Whittier Club, Western Section, Southern California District Communist Party, in September 1959. He was Club Chairman of the Whittier Club in March 1960.

The subject's daughter-in-law, ELAINE MARLENE KAGAN nee Sniderman (BUFILE 100-392208, Los Angeles file 100-39279) was an LYL member in 1953 in the Los Angeles area. She was a member of the Labor Club, Bay Cities Section, Western Division, in 1956; was a delegate to the District Council, SCDP, in October 1957 and in March 1957 was reported as an LYL Club Counsellor.

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(6) There is no indication of the subject's defection or expulsion although his wife and he held parallel Communist Party membership for many years until about 1956-57. It is noted that subject's wife quit the CP with some chagrin in 1957.

(7) Interview is expected to reveal the subject's current feelings re the CP.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (File 100-23439) DATE: August 4, 1961.

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FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (File 100-28329)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, aka
SECURITY MATTER -C

Post
5-11-61

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: August 5, 1961

Reason for the delinquency: Permission being sought by separate communication to interview subject.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: September 20, 1961.

AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-23439)

DATE: 2/28/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, aka.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Aliases		
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☐ Communist	☐ Socialist Workers Party	☐ Independent Socialist League
☐ Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
☐ Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____		
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address Apartment 1, 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, California NOT RECORDED 17 MAR 6 1961		

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439) DATE: 9/20/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, aka
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Remytel 8/30/61.

Subject has not been located for interview in keeping with current Bureau instructions. Effort is being continued to interview subject, and report will be submitted by September 30, 1961.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)

DATE: 9/29/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN
SM - C

Re report of SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD dated 9/29/61,
at Los Angeles.

KAGAN was approached at the door of his apartment house residence, Apartment 1, 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, California, 9/29/61, by SAs LESLIE F. WARREN and THOMAS W. CRAWFORD. KAGAN admitted his identity and acknowledged that of the Agents. The Agents asked if he would assist the FBI with some information. KAGAN at once replied that he was on his way to work and could not talk to the Agents. He was promptly asked if the Agents might not visit him in the vicinity of his employment, at his discretion. KAGAN stated that he would not talk to the Agents at any time. The point was made to him that the Agents had not yet told him the matter or issue on which his help was being sought. KAGAN then reiterated he would not talk to the Agents, repeating himself; he finally stated, as he firmly and slowly shut his door, that he would not under any circumstances at any time talk to FBI Agents. KAGAN retreated into his house and refused to respond further to discreet requests of the Agents to continue the talk.

It is the conclusion of Agents attempting above interview, that KAGAN is completely uncooperative in his bearing towards the FBI, that he gives the appearance of following the customary CP direction, when called upon by Government Agents.

Subject, of course, is neither informant nor witness potential.

No further contacts with KAGAN are contemplated at this time.

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Review of subject's record of reported CP membership from 1942, and reported CP Club attendance in August, 1956, with direct CP associations in January, 1957, together with continuous CP front adherence to the current period of reporting, and the above bearing upon attempted interview recommend that subject's name be continued in the SI.

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6/10/61

Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 9/29/61	Investigative Period 6/28-9/29/61
TITLE OF CASE MAX KAGAN		Report made by THOMAS W. CRAWFORD	Typed By: KP
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

Synopsis

REFERENCE:

Report of SA WILLIAM R. WHITE dated 8/5/60, at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Special Agent observing subject as employed at his store was SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD, 9/5/61, who made inquiry at the store for subject as partner, while ostensibly inquiring for a certain size of GI shoe not available in the public area of store.

Subject's residence was verified, 9/29/61, by interviewing agents, SAs LESLIE F. WARREN and THOMAS W. CRAWFORD.

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Logical informants contacted were [redacted] and [redacted] by SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD, 9/28/61.

INFORMANTS

Source

LA T-1;
[redacted]

Location

[redacted]

DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE
AMERICAN FREEDOMS

[redacted]

Los Angeles, California

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)

data reported from LA T-1 could reasonably result in identification of confidential informant of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
☒ Subject was not ~~interviewed~~ interviewed because (state reason)

of his continued affiliation with and activity in CP front groups and there being no indication that he would in any way cooperate if contacted, it being noted his wife and son continue active in subversive organizations.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of KAGAN's attendance at a party sponsored by two CP Clubs in West Jefferson section, LACCP, at which, though open to other than CP members was attended by officers of District 13 CP, USA, 1/19/57; because of active participation at CP Club meeting, personal recommendation for club membership to lead "Political Affairs," for proper indoctrination in current CP policy; and his reiterated refusal to discuss anything with FBI agents under any circumstances, when interview attempted 9/29/61.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to:

Report of: THOMAS W. CRAWFORD:KP
Date: 9/29/61

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File No.: 100-28329

Bureau File No.: 100-23439

Title: MAX KAGAN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

KAGAN in September, 1961, resided at Apartment 1, 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, California, and was a partner, United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California. KAGAN was a sustainer to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms as of 9/15/60. KAGAN refused to be interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI, 9/29/61. Logical informants know of no current Communist Party membership or activity on part of KAGAN.

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DETAILS:BACKGROUNDRESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

It was ascertained upon attempted interview of KAGAN by Special Agents of the FBI that he continued to reside at Apartment 1, 3604, Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, California, as of September 29, 1961.

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It was also determined by personal observation and suitable pretext contact at KAGAN's employment, September 5, 1961, that he continues as partner, United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California.

ACTIVITIES

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO
PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS
(CCPAF) (See appendix)

LA T-1 (9/26/60)

As of September 15, 1960, KAGAN was one of those persons classified by the CCPAF as a sustainer of the CCPAF.

ATTEMPT AT INTERVIEW

Date 9/29/61

KAGAN was approached by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 29, 1961, in vicinity of his residence. He said he could not talk to agents, and reiterated this expression several times, adding that he would not talk to agents under any circumstances at anytime.

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On 9/29/61 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 100-28329
by SAs LESLIE F. WARREN and THOMAS W. CRAWFORD:KE Date dictated 9/29/61

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LOGICAL INFORMANTS

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the general area, in which KAGAN resides, have advised that they are not aware of any recent or current CP activity on his part.

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS
(CCPAF)

A source advised on May 3, 1961, that the CCPAF was organized in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Since its establishment, the CCPAF in extending its scope, has worked for the abolition of all Congressional, State, and local committees investigating subversive activities and in the latter part of 1954 became very active in opposition to State and Federal legislation directed at the Communist movement.

The primary goal of the CCPAF is the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary of the CCPAF, is described by the source as the "brains and energy" behind the organization. He periodically confers with DOROTHY HEALEY, Chairman, Southern California District Communist Party and is in close touch with other leading Communist functionaries in the Los Angeles area.

Another source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
September 29, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to

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100-28329

Title MAX KAGAN

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference report of Special Agent THOMAS W.
CRAWFORD, dated as above at
Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)
(100-420546)

DATE: 4/9/62

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)(P)
(100-42739)(P)SUBJECT: MAX KAGEN
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OO: LOS ANGELESJULIA SCHULNER KAGAN, aka
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OO: LOS ANGELESRe San Diego airtel to Bureau 2/7/62 captioned
"CP, USA, FUNDS, IS-C, CINAL, Bufile 100-422089."

On 2/5/62 a fund raising luncheon was held in San Diego to raise funds for the CP defense fund. A couple from Los Angeles identified as Mr. and Mrs. MAX KAGEN, presented a colored slide program, with commentary, of a trip they took through Russia.

For the information of San Diego and WFO, it would appear that instant couple is identical with captioned. MAX KAGEN is described as a male, white, born 3/15/01, Radomisl, Russia, residing at Apt. 1, 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, and employed as a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California. JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN is described as a female, white, born 5/8/01 Radomisl, Russia, residing with her husband at the above address and engaged as a housewife. Both of the KAGAN's are carried in the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

No information has been reported to the Los Angeles Office concerning any recent foreign travel by captioned.

WFO is requested to check the records of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, in an effort to determine whether either or both of the captioned have been granted a passport recently, and to advise the Los Angeles Office of the results of this check.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/7/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (RUC)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGEN

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(Los Angeles 100-28329)

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JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN aka

SM-C

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ReLAlet 4/9/62 requesting passport check.

On April 26, 1962, personnel of the Passport Office, United States Department of State advised IC ROBERT E. LEGG that the files of the Passport Office contain no record identifiable with JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN or JULIA SCHULNER KAGEN.

The files of the Passport Office did contain a file on MAX KAGAN which was reviewed on 5/1/62 by IC RUPERT G. DANIELS. These files reflect that MAX KAGAN was issued Passport Number 194 7067 on 3/15/60. The passport was not valid for travel to Albania, Hungary, and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control.

The application for the passport was dated 3/14/60 at Los Angeles and contained the following information:

KAGAN was born 3/15/01 in Russia. He immigrated to the U. S. in July, 1909 and resided continuously since 1909 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Los Angeles, California, and Peoria, Illinois. He was naturalized on 9/14/26 before the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, Certificate Number 2269597. He listed his permanent address as

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3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, California.

He said that he intended to depart New York City about August, 1960 on the SS Queen Mary for 2½ months in England, France, Italy and Switzerland for pleasure.

He listed his parents, both deceased, as MORRIS KAGAN, born in Russia, not a U. S. citizen and BESSIS KAGAN, born in Russia, not a U. S. citizen.

He said that he was last married on 9/6/25 to JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN, born 5/8/01 in Russia. He said JULIA KAGAN immigrated to the United States in November, 1911, and was naturalized on 1/5/27 before the U. S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois, Peoria, Illinois, Certificate Number 2475207.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/16/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (RUC)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN
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JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN, aka
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(WFO 100-40150)

Remylet 5/7/62 containing passport information.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 7 positives and one negative of the passport photo of MAX and JULIA KAGAN. Three positives and one negative are enclosed for MAX KAGAN's file and four positives are enclosed for JULIA KAGAN's file.

A recheck of the passport files on 5/11/62 reflected that JULIA KAGAN was included on Passport Number 194 7067 issued to her husband 3/15/60.

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-23439) DATE: 5/2/62

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, aka.
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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☐ Native Born	☐ Naturalized	☐ Alien
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☐ Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
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Date of Birth _____	Place of Birth _____	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) _____ _____		
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Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)
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DATE:

5/14/62

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)
(100-42739)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN
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JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN
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OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau 4/9/62 captioned
as above.

Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of a letterhead
memorandum showing foreign travel on behalf of subjects
who are both included on the Security Index at Los Angeles.

The interview ascertaining foreign travel was an
insurance pretext to Mrs. TED KIMBROUGH, neighbor, 5722
Valley Ridge Avenue by SA JOHN D. WALLACE.

MAX KAGAN was personally observed by SA WALLACE
on 4/20/62.

This memo is classified Confidential inasmuch as
data reported from at least six sources, namely, [redacted]
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could reasonably result in the identification of confidential
informants of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness
thereof.

Information was also furnished by [redacted]

Women for Legislative Action is documented by
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A copy of this memo is being enclosed for WFO in view of their lead to check files of Passport Office, Department of State.

The interview attempt of KAGAN in September, 1961, was made by SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD and SA LESLIE F. WARREN.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Upon receipt of information from Passport Office, Department of State, this case will be closed.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
May 14, 1962

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MAX KAGAN;
JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN

By means of a suitable pretext interview by a Special Agent of the FBI on April 20, 1962, it was ascertained that MAX and JULIA KAGAN, 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, had traveled by air to Europe during December, 1961, and returned early in January, 1962. The KAGANS visited Russia, Czechoslovakia and Israel.

Mr. ROBERT EASON, Vice President, Citizens National Bank, 4500 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California, advised on April 20, 1962, that MAX KAGAN has been a partner in the United Surplus Company at 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, for several years. Mr. EASON advised that he was not actually aware of any foreign travel on the part of KAGAN but recalls that KAGAN was away from his business for three or four weeks on or about the end of the year 1961 and added that KAGAN generally has a reputation in this business area of disclosing no information as to his business or any travel on his part.

Sources who have furnished reliable information in the past have advised as follows concerning MAX and JULIA KAGAN:

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A source advised in 1943 that MAX KAGAN was a member of the Communist Party (CP) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that year.

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Another source advised during 1946 and 1947 that KAGAN attended CP meetings at Peoria, Illinois, during these years.

Two other sources at Los Angeles advised that KAGAN attended CP meetings in Los Angeles in 1952 and was a club Press Director that year. He also attended CP meetings in 1955 and 1956 and held the position of Literature Director of his club at that time. KAGAN was a sustainer for the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF) (See Appendix).

Special Agents of the FBI attempted to interview KAGAN in September, 1961, at which time KAGAN refused to discuss anything with the Agents.

JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN has been reported as having been a member of or in attendance at CP meetings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1944 and Peoria, Illinois, in 1946 and 1947 and in Los Angeles, California, in 1952, 1956 and 1957. JULIA KAGAN has been active in the CCPAF as late as 1961 and was a member of the governing body of the Women for Legislative Action (WLA) in 1960 in Los Angeles (See Appendix).

The KAGANS are described as follows:

MAX KAGAN

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth Data	3/15/01 , Radomisl, Russia
Height	5'3"
Weight	130
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown but graying
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Residence	5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles
Address (Business)	4501 East Slauson Avenue, United Surplus Company

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MAX KAGAN
JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN

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JULIA KAGAN

Race	White
Sex	Female
Birth Data	5/8/01 Radomisl, Russia
Height	5'1"
Weight	110
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Housewife

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised, December 1, 1961, pp. 43-44, describes this committee as follows:

"The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms * * * specializes in propaganda aimed at abolishing the Committee on Un-American Activities and discrediting the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Created in Los Angeles in 1952, the front organization is run by FRANK WILKINSON, an identified Communist who recently resumed the full-time, paid post of executive secretary after approximately a year's leave of absence to assist in a similar campaign by another front in New York City, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

"When the Committee on Un-American Activities held hearings in Los Angeles, September 2-5, 1958, to inquire into the nature of the Party's recent reorganization in California, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms sponsored a series of public meetings to protest the hearings and the very existence of the Committee. Communists subpoenaed as witnesses were guests of honor.

"At this time, leaders of the party's Southern California District, were mobilizing Communists in the area for participation in an intensified campaign to abolish this committee of Congress. How the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms served the party in this effort was revealed by (Communist Party) District Chairman DOROTHY HEALEY in a report to the party's Southern California District Council on September 21, 1958. Mrs. HEALEY declared that the party preferred public protest meetings to be held by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms rather than under party auspices because Communists could attend without danger of being exposed as members of the party. She also noted that Communists scheduled as congressional committee witnesses could not appear beforehand at openly Communist rallies without creating the impression that the party was conspiring with witnesses to withhold information from the committee."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 259 on the Southern California District of the Communist Party, April 3, 1959, pp. 7 and 8.)

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WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

A source advised on May 5, 1961, that the Women for Legislative Action was formed in 1952, claiming to be an independent organization dedicated to non-partisan participation in legislative and civic activities. Its position in favoring or opposing legislation usually parallels the position of the Communist party and related groups. It also supports legislation to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Membership in the Women for Legislative Action does not, of itself, connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist party.

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Los Angeles, California
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MAX KAGAN;
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)
(100-420546)

DATE: 6/6/62

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)
(100-42739)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN
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JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN
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OO: Los Angeles

Re Washington Field Office letters to the Bureau
5/7 and 16/62 and Los Angeles letters to the Bureau 4/9/62
and 5/14/62.

Enclosed herewith are six copies of a letterhead
memo showing information from Passport Division, Department
of State, which was furnished to IC RUPERT G. DANIELS,
WFO, by personnel of the U.S. Department of State. WFO
letter of 5/16/62, to the Bureau, explained that JULIA
SCHULNER KAGAN was included on the passport issued to her
husband, MAX KAGAN.

The Los Angeles file on MAX KAGAN is being
closed as data on his SI card is current and an annual report
is not due at this time.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Los Angeles, California
June 6, 1962

MAX KAGAN;
JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D.C., as reviewed May 1, 1962, reflect that MAX KAGAN was issued passport No. 1947067, on March 15, 1960. This passport was not valid for travel to Albania, Hungary and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control. The application for the passport was dated March 14, 1960 at Los Angeles and contained the following information:

KAGAN was born March 15, 1901 in Russia. He immigrated to the United States in July, 1909 and resided continuously since 1909 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Los Angeles, California, and Peoria, Illinois. He was naturalized on September 14, 1926 before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, certificate number 2269597. He listed his permanent address as 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, California.

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MAX KAGAN;
JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN

On April 26, 1962, no record identifiable with JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN could be located. However, a recheck of these records on May 11, 1962 reflected that JULIA KAGAN was included on passport No. 1947067, which was issued to her husband on March 15, 1960.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
June 6, 1962

MAX KAGAN;
JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D.C., as reviewed May 1, 1962, reflect that MAX KAGAN was issued passport No. 1947067, on March 15, 1960. This passport was not valid for travel to Albania, Hungary and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control. The application for the passport was dated March 14, 1960 at Los Angeles and contained the following information:

KAGAN was born March 15, 1901 in Russia. He immigrated to the United States in July, 1909 and resided continuously since 1909 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Los Angeles, California, and Peoria, Illinois. He was naturalized on September 14, 1926 before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, certificate number 2269597. He listed his permanent address as 3604 Kalsman Drive, Los Angeles, California.

He said that he intended to depart New York City about August, 1960 on the "SS Queen Mary" for 2½ months in England, France, Italy and Switzerland for pleasure.

He listed his parents, both deceased, as MORRIS KAGAN, born in Russia, not a United States citizen, and BESSIE KAGAN, born in Russia, not a United States citizen.

He said that he was last married on September 6, 1925 to JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN, born May 8, 1901 in Russia. He said JULIA KAGAN immigrated to the United States in November, 1911, and was naturalized on January 5, 1927 before the United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois, Peoria, Illinois, certificate No. 2475207.

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-28329)

June 22, 1962

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Director, FBI (100-23439) - 62

Security Index card cancelled

6/22/62
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MAX KAGAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

0-1 LA
8/16/62
vnp
By letter dated June 14, 1962, the Department advised that the subject's name should be removed from the Security Index. This action has been taken at the Bureau and similar action should be taken with respect to the card maintained in your office.

It is noted that the last report in this case was submitted on September 29, 1961. This case should be reopened and your investigation brought up to date. The results of your investigation should be submitted in report form suitable for dissemination, at which time, if warranted, you should submit your recommendation as to whether subject should be included in the Security Index.

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1 - 100-398030 (Emergency Detention Program)

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Rept. W. L. sub 8-31-62
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NOTE: Subject attended Communist Party sponsored school in 1942. Member of Communist Party (CP) in 1944, 1946, 1948 and 1952. In 1953-1954 identified with CP underground. The literature director of CP club in Los Angeles, 1955. Classified as a sustainer of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms in January, 1960. In August, 1959, donated articles for the "People's World" rummage store. On March 10, 1962, showed films on a recent trip to Soviet Union and to other countries in Europe.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: June 14 1962

Security Index card cancelled

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

Re: Max Kagan
File in FBI#: 100-23439

cc - 100-398030

Reports of investigation of the above have been reviewed

☐ as requested by you on _____

It has been determined that subject's name should be

☐ retained on security index; ☒ removed from security index.

Remarks:

*Letter to file
6/18/62
JW*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LOS ANGELES	DATE 8/27/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/13 - 8/24/62
TITLE OF CASE MAX KAGAN, aka		REPORT MADE BY PHILIP P. HANLON	TYPED BY BLB
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	

REFERENCES: Report of SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD at Los Angeles 9/29/61;
Los Angeles letters to Bureau 4/9/62, 5/14/62, 6/6/62;
FD-122 5/21/62;
Bureau letter to Los Angeles 6/22/62.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

By referenced letter, the Bureau notified Los Angeles the Department has advised the subject's name should be removed from the Security Index.

The pretext referred to under the residence section of this report was a pretext telephone call to KAGAN's wife at their residence as an insurance company attempting to contact him, on the date indicated by SA PHILIP P. HANLON.

The pretext referred to under the employment section of this report was a pretext telephone call to KAGAN at his employment on date indicated by SA HANLON under the guise of a customer attempting to obtain prices.

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The subject's wife JULIA KAGAN, is on the SI of the Los Angeles Office, Los Angeles file 100-42739, Bufile 100-420546. His son, MILTON KAGAN, is also on the SI of the Los Angeles Office and is tabbed detcom, Los Angeles file 100-42654, Bufile 100-408683.

INFORMANT

LA T-1

100-28329-212

NEGATIVE INFORMANTS

(instant Report)

orally to SA BURL F. JOHNSON 8/15/62

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1. ☐ Subject's name is being recommended for inclusion in Section ☐ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☐ A or ☒ B of the Reserve Index.
3. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
6. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
8. ☒ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because (state reason)
information furnished by LA T-1 could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.
9. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
on interview by Bureau Agents 9/29/61 he refused to discuss anything with them.
10. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
11. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
he attended CP meetings 1956 and a CP fund raising luncheon in 2/62.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to:

Report of: PHILIP P. HANLON

Date: 8/27/62

Field Office File No.: 100-28329

Title: MAX KAGAN

Office: LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Bureau File No.: 100-23439

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

KAGAN and wife attended fund raising luncheon held San Diego, California, February, 1962, for Communist Party (CP) Defense Fund and sponsored by San Diego County CP under name San Diego Committee for a Free Press. At this affair they showed slides on their trip to Russia and Satellite countries. U.S. Passport information regarding KAGAN set out. Informants familiar with CP membership and activity in the general area in which KAGAN resides, contacted during August, 1962, advised they have no current information regarding him.

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DETAILS:BACKGROUNDRESIDENCE

By use of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI on August 24, 1962, it was determined that KAGAN continues to reside at 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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LA 100-28329

EMPLOYMENT

By use of an appropriate pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI on August 24, 1962, it was determined that KAGAN continues to be employed as a partner of the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California.

PASSPORT INFORMATION

The files of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. contained a file on MAX KAGAN which was reviewed on May 1, 1962, by IC RUPERT G. DANIELS. These files reflect that MAX KAGAN was issued Passport No. 194 7067 on March 15, 1960. The passport was not valid for travel to Albania, Hungary, and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control.

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He listed his parents, both deceased, as MORRIS KAGAN, born in Russia, not a U.S. citizen and BESSIS KAGAN, born in Russia, not a U.S. citizen.

He said that he was last married on September 6, 1925, to ~~JULIA SCHULNER~~ KAGAN, born May 8, 1901, in Russia. He said ~~JULIA~~ KAGAN immigrated to the United States in November, 1911, and was naturalized on January 5, 1927, before the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois, Peoria, Illinois, Certificate No. 2475207.

MRS MAX KAGAN

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LA 100-28329

COMMUNIST PARTY
(CP) ACTIVITY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

LA T-1 (2/6/62)

On February 5, 1962, a fund raising luncheon was held at the home of BEATRICE BACH, San Diego, California, a CP member. This affair was for the CP defense fund and was sponsored by the San Diego County CP (SDCCP) under the name San Diego Committee for a Free Press.

A program of colored slides with commentary was presented by KAGAN and his wife, who made them, based upon a trip they took through Russia and the Satellite countries and of a recent peace demonstration in Los Angeles, California.

Informants who are familiar with CP membership and activity in the general area in which KAGAN resides, contacted during August, 1962, advised that they have no current information regarding him.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
August 27, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

100-28329

Title

MAX KAGAN

Character

SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference

Report of SA PHILIP P.
HANLON dated and captioned
as above.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LOS ANGELES	DATE 11/10/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/26-11/4/64
TITLE OF CASE MAX KAGAN, aka		REPORT MADE BY GORDON B. PLAYMAN	TYPED BY mae
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE: Report of SA PHILIP P. HANLON dated 8/27/62 at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext contact on October 30, 1964, was a telephone call to a male clerk at the subject's store made by SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN as a business acquaintance of subject who desired to bring his holiday gift list up to date.

INFORMANTSSOURCE

LA T-1

LA T-2

LOCATION

100-28329-227, 232, 233

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NEGATIVE INFORMANTS

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Orally to SA
GORDON B. PLAYMAN

10/27/64

Orally to SA
MARSHALL I. BARNES

10/27/64

Orally to SA
R. ANDREW PETERS

10/26/64

Orally to SA
R. ANDREW PETERS

10/28/64

Orally to SA
LOUIS K. DE GEUS

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LA 100-28329

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☐ A or ☒ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because (state reason) information furnished by LA T-1 and LA T-2 tends to identify confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.
7. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he refused to discuss anything with Bureau Agents on September 29, 1961.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he attended Communist Party meetings in 1956 and a CP fund raising function in February, 1962.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to:

Report of: GORDON B. PLAYMAN
Date: 11/10/64

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File No.: 100-28329

Bureau File No.: 100-23439

Title: MAX KAGAN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: KAGAN resides at 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles and is employed as a partner at United Surplus Company, Maywood, California. No current Communist Party connection known. Subscribed to the "People's World", 1962-64 and attended meetings of Unitarian Public Forum and Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, 1963-64.

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DETAILS:BACKGROUNDRESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Through means of a suitable pretext on October 30, 1964, it was determined that MAX KAGAN continues to be a partner at the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson, Maywood, California, and resides at 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

The current Los Angeles Telephone Street Directory lists KAGAN as a resident at this address.

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CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

Informants and sources familiar with current activity of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP) in the vicinity of the subject's employment and residence were contacted during the course of this investigation, but could furnish no information indicating that the subject is currently connected with the Communist Party (CP).

MISCELLANEOUS

"PEOPLE'S WORLD" (PW)

The PW is a West Coast communist newspaper.

LA T-1 (9/14/62-4/16/64)

A Mr. KAGAN, 5716 Valley Ridge, Los Angeles 43, California had a one year subscription to the PW which was allowed to expire in September, 1963, and a new one year subscription in the name of MAX KAGAN, 5716 Valley Ridge, Los Angeles, was obtained in April, 1964, to expire April 18, 1965.

UNITARIAN PUBLIC FORUM
(see appendix on COMMUNIST
INFILTRATION OF THE FIRST
UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS
ANGELES)

LA T-2 (4/17/63-10/8/63)

MAX KAGAN attended lectures given by the Unitarian Public Forum on April 12, 1963, and October 4, 1963 at the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles.

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE (see
appendix on COMMUNIST
INFILTRATION OF THE
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
OF LOS ANGELES)

LA 100-28329

LA T-2 (4/20/64)

MAX KAGAN attended a banquet sponsored by the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice and held April 14, 1964 at St. Nicholas Auditorium, 2300 West Third Street, Los Angeles.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~1APPENDIXCOMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

A source advised on May 11, 1964, that the premises of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles have been utilized for meetings by Communist Party members and sympathizers over a period of years. Speakers and lecturers at the church frequently espouse Communist causes or follow the Communist Party line. Communist front group literature is distributed at the church. The church is used by some Communist Party members for "mass concentration" work.

This same infiltration extends to adjuncts of the church such as the Unitarian Public Forum and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for Social Justice.

STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN has been minister of the church since 1948.

Reverend STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN is described in the Fourth Report, Un-American Activities Committee in California, 1948, page 115, as a very active "Communist fronter" and connected with numerous "Communist front organizations and activities."

Membership in the First Unitarian Church does not of itself connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-28329

November 10, 1964

Title MAX KAGAN

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN
dated and captioned as above at
Los Angeles.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LOS ANGELES	DATE 10/11/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/16 - 24/65
TITLE OF CASE MAX KAGAN, aka		REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH P. MC MAHON	TYPED BY dek
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE: Report of SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN dated 11/10/64 at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

SA JOSEPH P. MC MAHON contacted Mrs. M. W. KYLE, JR. on a credit company inquiry pretext and contacted subject's place of employment on the pretext of selling him an advertisement for a program to be published.

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NEGATIVE INFORMANTS

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

9/22/65

SA MARSHALL I.
BARNES

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SA MARSHALL I.
BARNES

9/16/65

SA JOSEPH P.
MC MAHON

9/16/65

SA JOSEPH P.
MC MAHON

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5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because (state reason) it contains information from confidential informants of continuing value whose future effectiveness might be compromised.
7. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he refused to discuss anything with Bureau Agents on 9/29/61.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he attended Communist Party (CP) meetings in 1956; a CP fund raising function in February, 1962, and several CP front group affairs in 1965.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to:

Report of:
Date:JOSEPH P. MC MAHON
10/11/65

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: 100-28329

Bureau File #: 100-23439

Title:

MAX KAGAN

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

KAGAN continues to reside in Los Angeles, California, and is employed as a partner at United Surplus Company, Maywood, California. He reportedly was in attendance at a meeting of Women for Legislative Action 12/9/64 and at meetings at the First Unitarian Church 11/13/64, 1/15/65 and 5/14/65. He was at the office of Women's Strike for Peace 1/19/65 obtaining names for daughter.

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DETAILS:BACKGROUNDRESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

By means of an appropriate pretext on September 22, 1965, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained from Mrs. M. W. KYLE, JR., 5712 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California, that the KAGANs continue to reside at 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue. Mr. KAGAN has his own business and his wife occasionally helps him in the conduct of this business. Mrs. KYLE stated that the KAGANs have a nice reputation.

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By means of an appropriate pretext on September 22, 1965, it was ascertained from an unidentified male clerk at the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California, that MAX KAGAN continues to be a partner in the United Surplus Company and that he is there most of the day.

ACTIVITIES

WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION
(WLA) (See Appendix)

LA T-1 (12/16/64)

Mr. KAGAN was in attendance at a meeting at Bancroft Junior High School, 929 North Las Palmas, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of December 9, 1964, and which meeting was sponsored by the WLA Council. The meeting consisted of a lecture on "China, Russia and the United States." The speaker spoke of the progress China has made in the last few years and showed colored slides depicting some of the improvements made in China.

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
OF LOS ANGELES (See Appendix)

LA T-1 (11/20/64 - 5/24/65)

JULIA KAGAN and Mr. KAGAN attended a lecture at the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of November 13, 1964, sponsored by the Unitarian Public Forum. The lecturer stated that he had just returned from a 15 month research and study period in Leningrad and he gave observations on recent developments in Soviet psychiatric methods and practices.

JULIA KAGAN and Mr. KAGAN attended a lecture on the evening of January 15, 1965, at the First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles, California, sponsored by the second annual ANNA LOUISE STRONG Lectureship of the Unitarian Church. STRONG

lives in China and has been a supporter of the First Unitarian Church. The lecturer, Dr. SCOTT NEARING, discussed "Can The West Reconquer Asia?" During his lecture he stated that the United States is in Vietnam to make them choose our way of life. He stated that the United States is following in Asia the sad policy other powers followed in Asia, an anti-communism crusade. He stated that Asia is going socialist and that socialism is developing in those countries where capitalism is weakest. He commented that Asia is for Asians, that the West will not re-occupy Asia and that Asia will lead the West to socialism.

calif The "New York Times" edition of January 9, 1930, carried an article reporting that SCOTT NEARING had resigned from the Communist Party (CP) because of the rejection of his latest manuscript by "an authoritative Marxian body in Moscow." The article stated that in resigning NEARING promised to "uphold the principles of the Party and to support the Party work."

member LOUIS BUDENZ, a former national functionary of the CP, USA, advised in April, 1950, that ANNA LOUISE STRONG was known to him as having been a member of the CP in the past.

calif JULIA KAGAN and her husband attended a welcome home party at the First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles, on the evening of May 14, 1965, honoring PAUL ROBESON and his wife and attended the musical program following the dinner. Mr. and Mrs. ROBESON discussed their travels in Europe and Africa and Mr. ROBESON stated that while traveling in Europe most of the countries approved of a socialist government and thought the Republic of China and the USSR had the right kind of government, socialism.

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., revised and published December 1, 1961, on page 188 cites the following:

FREEDOM (New York City)

1. "(Witness RALPH C.) ACLONTZ testified further that he was able to identify the monthly Negro magazine Freedom as a Communist publication. The first issue of this publication was released in November, 1950 and its editorial board is headed by PAUL ROBESON... ROBESON... were identified as Communists in sworn testimony before the committee in past years; all have extensive Communist-front records." (Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1956, House Report 53, February 11, 1957, page 33).

CALIF.

MISCELLANEOUS

LA T-2 (1/20/65)

A Mr. KAGEN was at the Los Angeles offices of the Council of the Southern California Women Strike for Peace on January 19, 1965. KAGEN stated that he was born in Russia, had visited there in 1961 and has relatives there. KAGEN stated that he had recently heard SCOTT NEARING speak and that he was very good. He commented that someone had asked NEARING if he was a communist and that Mr. NEARING said that he belonged to the CP up until 1929 when he was expelled from the party much to his regret because he had written a script which the CP did not like. Mr. KAGEN was at the Women Strike for Peace (WSP) office to type up a list of people from the WSP card file who are in the Silverlake area where his daughter, RITA KAGAN, is starting a new WSP group. His wife, JULIA, works at the office of the Committee to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee (see appendix).

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Informants familiar with CP and related activity in the area of KAGAN's residence and place of employment had no information concerning him.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
ABOLISH THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part 1, October 3, 1961, p. 5)"

A source has advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). A national meeting of this organization was held in Chicago Illinois, on April 27, and 28, 1963.

A second source advised on June 28, 1965, that as of that date the NCAHUAC continued to function with headquarters, at 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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Los Angeles, California
October 11, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-28329

Title	MAX KAGAN
Character	SECURITY MATTER - C
Reference	Report of SA JOSEPH P. MC MAHON dated and captioned as above at Los Angeles.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LOS ANGELES	DATE 1/4/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/22/67 - 12/26/67
TITLE OF CASE MAX KAGAN, aka		REPORT MADE BY JOHN W. WHALEY	TYPED BY les
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOSEPH P. MC MAHON dated 10/11/65 at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

SA JOHN W. WHALEY made the pretext inquiry with the subject at his place of employment on 12/26/67. The pretext dealt with ordering hunting knives.

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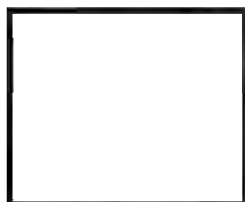


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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☐ A or ☒ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken 3/15/67
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~confidential~~ because
(state reason)
it contains information from confidential informants of continuing value whose future effectiveness might be compromised if information was disclosed.
7. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
he refused to talk to Bureau Agents on 9/29/61.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because
(state reason)
he attended Communist Party (CP) meetings in 1956; a CP fund raising function in February, 1962, and several CP front group affairs in 1966 and 1967.

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Copy to:

Report of: JOHN W. WHALEY

Office: Los Angeles, California

Date: 1/4/68

Field Office File #: 100-28329

Bureau File #: 100-23439

Title: MAX KAGAN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: KAGAN continues to reside in Los Angeles, California and is employed as a partner at United Surplus Company, Maywood, California. Activities with Women for Legislative Action (WLA), Californians for Liberal Representation (CLR) and other groups set forth. Logical informants have no information concerning current Communist Party (CP) activity by KAGAN.

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DETAILS:BACKGROUNDRESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Through the use of a suitable pretext by an agent of the FBI it was determined on December 26, 1967, that MAX KAGAN resides at 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and is a partner in the United Surplus Company located at 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California.

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ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIANS FOR LIBERAL REPRESENTATION
(CLR)

LA T-1 (10/4/66)

On October 1, 1966, a conference sponsored by the CLR was held at East Los Angeles College, 5357 East Brooklyn Avenue, Los Angeles, California. JULIA KAGAN and her husband, MAX, attended. The main topic of discussion at the conference was the formation of a third political party.

LA T-2 (10/7/66)

In connection with the above mentioned conference, source advised that MAX and JULIA KAGAN offered housing to persons coming to the conference from out of town.

The CLR is self-described in its literature as "an effective organization for liberal thought and action." This organization claims to have made a contribution to politics in the State of California. "From its inception, CLR was selective and pledged support only to those candidates who believe by their past record and by their announced viewpoint, would be champions of civil rights, civil liberties, and world peace. We then raised campaign funds, lent organizational assistance and provided precinct workers for the candidates we supported. Our appeal to the liberal community met a warm and enthusiastic response."

WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION
(WLA) (See appendix)

LA T-1 (11/22/66)

A WLA benefit dinner was held November 13, 1966, at 1035 South Hauser Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. JULIA KAGAN and Mr. KAGAN attended.

LA T-1 (11/28/66)

A WLA lecture was held on November 19, 1966, at 409 South Serrano, Los Angeles, California. JULIA KAGAN and Mr. KAGAN attended. One of the WLA members spoke concerning her trip to the Soviet Union.

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LA T-1 (5/25/67)

Source advised that a lecture sponsored by the WLA was held on May 20, 1967, at 2269 Canyon Drive, Los Angeles, California. MAX KAGAN attended. The topic for the lecture dealt with Black Power as seen through the eyes of a white southerner.

LA T-1 (6/13/67)

The WLA awards meeting and installation of officers was held on June 10, 1967, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, California. The program dealt with Civil Rights. MAX KAGAN was present.

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DISCUSSION UNLIMITED, INCORPORATED
(See appendix)

LA T-1 (12/7/66)

A panel discussion sponsored by Discussion Unlimited Incorporated was held on December 2, 1966, at the Los Angeles Trade Technical College Auditorium, 400 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. One of those on the panel was DOROTHY HEALEY, Chairman of the Southern California District Communist Party. JULIA KAGAN and her husband, MAX KAGAN attended.

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF
LOS ANGELES
(See appendix)

LA T-1 (1/18/67)

On January 13, 1967, a lecture concerned with the topic of recent changes in Europe and sponsored by the Unitarian Public Forum was held at the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California. MAX KAGAN was there.

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO END
THE WAR IN VIETNAM (LACEWV)

LA T-3 (6/17/66)

The LACEWV, which has also been known merely as the Committee to End the War in Vietnam (CEWV), was an amalgamation of representatives from the numerous peace oriented and/or civil rights groups and included representatives of the Southern California District Communist Party, the Los Angeles Local - Socialist Workers Party (see appendix), Women for Legislative Action (see appendix), etc., and its objective was to protest the United States involvement in Vietnam and cause withdrawal of all American troops from that country.

LA T-1 (1/16/67)

On January 15, 1967, at Victoria Hall, 2570 West Pico, Los Angeles, California, an anti-war meeting was held which was sponsored by the LACEWV. Mr. KAGAN attended.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Logical informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party (CP) and related activities in the Los Angeles, California area, were contacted in December 1967. These informants advised that they had no information concerning CP activity on the part of MAX KAGAN recently.

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A source advised on May 8, 1963, that Discussion Unlimited, Inc. actually was originated in Los Angeles, California, in May, 1962, and was composed largely of a number of present and former Communist Party members who assist in staging panel forums and in promoting such events. Original coordinator of the group was BERNARD LUSHER, who in 1961, was educational director of the Southern California District Communist Party.

This source was recontacted on April 9, 1965, and indicated that the basic concept of Discussion Unlimited, Inc. has not changed. It continues to present "left ideas" to at least partially non-committed audiences. It proposes to develop special activities around various issues on an irregular basis. It is not a membership organization, and does not hold regular meetings as such, but rather is strictly a forum-type organization.

On May 10, 1967, another source reported that Discussion Unlimited, Inc. continues to operate as a forum-type organization.

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Los Angeles, California
January 4, 1968

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Title MAX KAGAN

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)
(100-420546)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329) (P)
(100-42739) (P)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN
SM-C

DATE: 7/26/68

JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN
SM-C

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Pretext interview was a telephone pretext by SA WILLIAM R. WHITE on 7/24/68 to MAX KAGAN's place of business regarding when he would return to Los Angeles.

The LHM has been classified confidential in order to protect the sources of continuing value and to not compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

The following sources were used in instant LHM:

Source One
Source Two
Source Three
Source Four
Source Five

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The Los Angeles Office will follow the return of the KAGANS to the United States and the Bureau will be advised of such return in form suitable for dissemination.

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MAX KAGAN
JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., as of May 1, 1968, reflected the following concerning captioned individuals:

Max Kagan, born March 15, 1901, in Russia, residing at 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was issued Passport Number J 495511 on April 25, 1968, at Los Angeles. Kagan indicated he planned to depart from Los Angeles on June 13, 1968 by Air-Lufthanse for a seven week trip to visit Germany, USSR, Yugoslavia and Rumania for pleasure.

Julia Schulner Kagan, born May 8, 1901 in Russia, residing at 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90043, was issued Passport Number J 495512 on April 25, 1968 at Los Angeles. Kagan indicated she planned to depart from Los Angeles on June 13, 1968 by Air-Lufthanse for a seven week trip to visit Germany, USSR, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Rumania on a vacation.

It was ascertained by means of an appropriate pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI on July 24, 1968, that Max and Julia Kagan were traveling in Europe and Russia as of that date and were not expected to return to Los Angeles until sometime in August 1968.

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MAX KAGAN
JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN

Source two advised during 1946 and 1947 that Max Kagan attended CP meetings in Peoria, Illinois, during those years.

Source three advised that Max Kagan attended CP club meetings in 1952 and was a CP Club Press Director at that time.

Source four advised that during 1955 and 1956, Max Kagan was in attendance at CP club meetings and held the position of Literature Director of his CP club at that time.

Source one advised that Julia Kagan attended CP meetings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1944.

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Source three advised that Julia Kagan attended CP meetings in Los Angeles, California, in 1952.

Source four advised that Julia Kagan attended CP meetings in Los Angeles in 1956 and 1957.

Source five advised that Julia Kagan was Vice President in Charge of Program for the Women for Legislative Action (See Appendix) for the year 1967-1968.

Following are descriptions of captioned individuals:

Name	Max Kagan
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth Data	March 15, 1901 Radomisal, Russia
Height	5'3"
Weight	130 pounds
Build	Small
Hair	Grey

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MAX KAGAN
JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN

Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Residence	5716 Valley Ridge Avenue Los Angeles, California
Occupation	Part owner, United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles

Name	Julia Schulner Kagan
Race	White
Sex	Female
Birth Data	May 8, 1901 Radomisal, Russia
Height	5'1"
Weight	110 pounds
Build	Small
Hair	Black, greying
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Housewife

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 1, 1968

FBI LIAISON:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

RE:

Max KAGAN

BORN: March 15, 1901

PLACE: Russia

RESIDENCE:

5716 Valley Ridge Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90043

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

~~Unknown~~ 100-23439

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

Unknown

PASSPORT NUMBER:

J495511 issued April 25, 1968
at Los Angeles

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

Los Angeles

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

June 13, 1968

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Air - Lufthanse

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

Seven weeks

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

Germany, U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia,
Rumania

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)
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(100-42739) (C)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN
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Re Los Angeles letter and LHM, dated 7/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of a LHM setting out information regarding the return of captioned to Los Angeles from foreign travel.

Pretext interview set out in LHM, was a telephone pretext by SA WILLIAM R. WHITE, on 9/16/68, to a female claiming to be JULIA KAGAN, regarding the purchase of some camping equipment.

An FD-122 has been submitted to make the Security Index card of JULIA KAGAN current and correct and information regarding her foreign travel will be included in the next report prepared concerning her activities.

MAX KAGAN is carried in the RI-B of the Los Angeles Office and no additional action is being taken in these matters at this time by Los Angeles.

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MAX KAGAN
JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN

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OO: Los Angeles

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dated 1/4/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a
letterhead memorandum (LHM) bringing subject's activities
up to date since referenced report, with two copies of an
FD-376 stapled thereto.

An FD-122, recommending subject for inclusion on
the Los Angeles ADEX, Category IV, is being submitted.

Upon Bureau approval for subject's inclusion on
the ADEX, Los Angeles will disseminate copies of the LHM
and FD-376 to Secret Service, Los Angeles.

The suitable pretext referred to in verifying
the subject's residence and employment was a telephone
call made by SA KENNETH C. BIERKE on 5/9/72, to the
subject's employment and residence using the guise of
an insurance salesman.

The suitable pretext referred to in verifying
the subject's return from foreign travel was a telephone
call made by SA WILLIAM R. WHITE on 9/16/68, to a female
named JULIA KAGAN regarding the purchase of some camping
equipment. She indicated that the subject had returned
from his trip abroad.

Information furnished by sources contained in
this LHM is classified Confidential because the unauthorized
disclosure of either the information or identity of sources
would be detrimental to the national defense..

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2 - Los Angeles

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Sources utilized the LHM are as follows:

Source One

Source Two

Source Three

Source Four

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will obtain current photograph of subject and disseminate to Secret Service upon Bureau approval to the Los Angeles ADEX.

1. ☐ Subject's name is included in the ADEX., Category ☐ I ☐ II ☒ III ☐ IV
2. ☐ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☐ is ☒ is not available. (Will be obtained)
Date photograph was taken _____
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because
(state reason)

Information furnished by sources contained in this LHM is classified Confidential because the unauthorized disclosure of either the information or identity of sources would be detrimental to the national defense.

7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) September 1961
☒ Subject was not ☐ interviewed ☒ reinterviewed because (state reason)

of his previous hostile attitude indicated in interview attempt of September 1961 and his continued Communist sympathies, it is felt that any further attempt might result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria of Category marked above because (state reason)
of his current membership and attendance at meetings of the Association for Friendship and Cultural Relations, USA - USSR (1972).

10. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it should be tabbed
Category ☐ I ☐ II ☐ III ☒ IV because (state reason)

See item 9 above.

11. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:
☒ Submitted 5/11/48 (date) Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No
12. ☐ Subject is Extremist in Category I of ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LA 100-28329
In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BU 100-23439

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 16, 1972

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: MAX KAGAN

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
May 16, 1972

MAX KAGAN

All sources utilized herein have provided reliable information in the past.

BACKGROUND

RESIDENCE AND
EMPLOYMENT

By means of a suitable pretext on May 9, 1972, by a Special Agent of the FBI, it was determined that Max Kagan currently resides at 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and is employed as a partner in the United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California.

FOREIGN TRAVEL

The files of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., as of May 1, 1968, reflected the following information concerning Max Kagan:

Max Kagan, born March 15, 1901, at Russia, residing at 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was issued passport number J 495511 on April 25, 1968, at Los Angeles, California. Kagan indicated he planned to depart

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MAX KAGAN

from Los Angeles, California, on June 13, 1968, via Air Lufthanse for a seven week trip to visit Germany, Russia, Yugoslavia, and Romania for pleasure.

It was ascertained by means of an appropriate pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI, on September 16, 1968, that Kagan had returned from his trip to Europe and Russia.

ACTIVITIES

ASSOCIATION FOR FRIENDSHIP
AND CULTURAL RELATIONS,
USA - USSR (AFCR)

The American Russian Institute of Southern California (ARI) changed its name, effective November 20, 1962, to the Society for Cultural Relations, USA - USSR, of Southern California (SCR), now known as the AFCR.

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Source One advised that in February 1971, the Society for Cultural Relations, USA - USSR, and the American Soviet Friendship Association of Southern California, combined to form the new organization AFCR.

Source One advised on September 8, 1970, that as of September 2, 1970, Kagan was a member of the Board of Directors of the AFCR.

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MAX KAGAN

Source One further advised that from August 15, 1968, through February 28, 1972, Kagan attended 27 general meetings, 5 socials, 2 fund raising events, 4 Board of Director meetings, and 3 annual celebrations of the founding of the SCR and the newly formed APCR.

All meetings and functions were held in the Los Angeles, California area.

"PEOPLE'S WORLD"
(PW)

The "People's World" is a west coast Communist newspaper published in San Francisco, California.

Source Two advised that Kagan attended fund raising testimonial dinners for the benefit of the PW during the summers of 1968, 1969, and 1971.

NATIONAL UNITED COMMITTEE
TO FREE ANGELA DAVIS
(NUCFAD)

The National United Committee to Free Angela Davis (NUCFAD) was founded by the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), to free Angela Yvonne Davis, self-admitted member of the Southern California District, CPUSA (SCDCP), who faces murder-kidnaping charges in California. The SCDCP controls NUCFAD by use of CPUSA members in key positions. Headquarters are located at San Francisco, California.

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MAX KAGAN

Source One advised that Kagan attended a fund raising dinner in support of NUCFAD in November 1970.

Source One and Source Three advised that Kagan attended a meeting of NUCFAD in February 1972.

YOUNG WORKERS
LIBERATION LEAGUE
(YWLL)

The YWLL is a front organization of the Communist Party, USA. It was formed as a Marxist - Leninist youth group in February 1970.

Source One advised that Kagan attended a meeting of the YWLL in September 1971, to hear a Soviet official, Oleg Benyukh, Editor of "Soviet Life".

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE
FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL
OF RIGHTS (LACDBR)

Source Four advised that in June 1968, Kagan's name was included on a copy of the mailing list of the LACDBR.

A source advised in March 1971, that the LACDBR is a militant general defense organization allegedly seeking to safeguard the rights of various individuals. It is controlled by the Communist Party, USA, through its leadership by Rose Chernin, Executive Director of the LACDBR, who is a current active member of the District Committee, Southern California District Communist Party.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-23439

) DATE: 5/16/72

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329) (P)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, aka.
SM - C
OO: LA

Card filed

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6/14/72

Re: LA Let and LHM dated 5/10/72

Recommend: ☒ ADEX Card ☐ ADEX Card changed (specify change only) ☐ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

Name MAX KAGAN			
Aliases Hottel Kagan, Max Cohen		☐ Native Born ☒ Naturalized ☐ Alien	Tab ☒ Category I ☐ Category II ☐ Category III ☒ Category IV
☐ AWC ☐ BNT ☐ BPP	☒ COMMUNIST ☐ JFG ☐ MIN	☐ NL ☐ NOI	☐ PLP ☐ PPA ☐ SDS ☐ SNC ☐ SPL ☐ SWP ☐ WWP ☐ Miscellaneous (Specify)
Date of Birth 3/15/01	Place of Birth Radomisl, Russia	Race White	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female
Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any. Partner, United Surplus Company, 4501 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California		Residence Address 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California	
Key Facility Data			
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility	

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RESEARCH SECTION
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The following information was provided by sources who have provided reliable information in the past:

MAX KAGAN has been an active member of the Society for Cultural Relations, USA - USSR, and the newly formed Association for Friendship and Cultural Relations (AFCR), from 8/15/68, through 2/28/72, and was reported to be a member of the Board of Directors of the AFCR on 9/2/70. KAGAN was also active in the following Communist affiliated organizations: "People's World", National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, and the Young Workers Liberation League. The subject's name has also been included on the mailing list of the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights during 1968. In September 1961, an attempt was made to interview KAGAN, at which time he declined to speak to Agents of the FBI.

In view of the above, it is recommended that he be placed on the ADEX, Category IV.

A letterhead memorandum is being prepared.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/12/72

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (P)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, aka
SM-C
Bufile 100-23439
Los Angeles 100-28329

JULIA KAGAN, aka
SM-C
Bufile 100-420546
Los Angeles 100-42739

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned individuals. Four copies of the LHM are also being enclosed for the Washington Field Office.

MAX KAGAN is currently included in the Los Angeles ADEX, Category IV. JULIA KAGAN was a subject of the Los Angeles Reserve Index-B until 5/9/72.

Source utilized in the enclosed LHM is

LEADS

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON D. C.: 1) Will review files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), concerning captioned subjects' recent trip to the Soviet Union.

2) Will obtain photographs of captioned subjects from Passport Office, USDS.

3) Will send any information and photograph received from Passport Office, USDS, in a form suitable for dissemination to the Bureau and Los Angeles.

- 4 - Bureau (Encls: 10)
(2 - 100-420546)
- 4 - Washington Field (Encls: 4)
- 4 - Los Angeles
(2 - 100-42739)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
July 12, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MAX KAGAN
JULIA KAGAN

On June 26, 1972, source advised that Max and Julia Kagan had returned from a trip to the Soviet Union on June 22, 1972. Source advised further that they did not mention any details concerning their trip.

Max Kagan has been an active member in the Society for Cultural Relations, USA-USSR, now known as the Association for Friendship and Cultural Relations. Kagan was also active in the "People's World", National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, and the Young Workers Liberation League.

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The Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) is a front organization of the Communist Party, USA. It was formed as a Marxist-Leninist youth group in February, 1970.

MAX KAGAN
JULIA KAGAN

Julia Kagan was reported to be a member of the Communist Party until 1957 when she reportedly withdrew from the Party. Until January, 1972, she was also an active member of the Society for Cultural Relations, USA-USSR, now known as the Association for Friendship and Cultural Relations.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
July 12, 1972

Title MAX KAGAN
 JULIA KAGAN

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as
 above at Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)

DATE: 9/29/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-40149) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, aka
SM - C
(OO:LA)

Re LAlet dated 7/12/72, under dual caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Los Angeles are five and two copies respectively, of an LHM dated as above and captioned, "MAX KAGAN."

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of the photograph of above captioned subject as appearing on his 1968 passport application.

The "United States Government records" referred to herein are files of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State. This review was conducted by SC BETTY SUE LEWIS on 9/25/72, setting forth additional information located in this individual's passport file than that previously submitted in WFO letter dated 5/7/62, to Bureau and Los Angeles.

It is pointed out that, under current passport regulations, a passport may be used by the bearer for lawful travel within the period of its validity whenever and as often as desired without further notification to the Department of State or other government agency. The Passport Office does not receive information as to whether or when a passport is used for foreign travel.

ENCLOSURE

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100-23439-72

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- 2-Bureau (Enc. 5)
- 2- Los Angeles (100-28329) (Enc. 4)
- 1- WFO 2cc RAO; cc J.S.; cc CIA
- BSL:jla 386 10/5/72
- (5) 58 OCT 6 1972





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

September 30, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MAX KAGAN

United States Government records, reviewed by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 25, 1972, disclosed Max Kagan was issued Passport Number J-495511 on April 25, 1968, at Los Angeles, California, for proposed travel to Germany, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia, and Rumania for the purpose "pleasure." He indicated in his application dated April 22, 1968, at Los Angeles, California, he intended to depart via air on June 13, 1968, from Los Angeles for a proposed length of stay of seven weeks. He indicated he expected to take another trip abroad. This passport was valid for three years' travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam. By operation of law effective August 26, 1968, the validity of this passport was extended to five years from date of issue. By operation of law effective March 15, 1971, the restriction against travel to mainland China was lifted.

MRS. MAX KAGAN

Kagan

This individual stated he was born on March 15, 1901. He gave his permanent residence as 5716 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90043. He indicated he was last married on September 6, 1925, to Julia Schulner, who was born on May 8, 1901, in Russia, and who is a United States Citizen; marriage not terminated. In the event of death or accident, he requested his son, Milton S. Kagan, 12055 Hardale, Lamirada, California, be notified.

The following description appears on his 1968 passport application:

Height:	5 feet 3 inches
Hair:	Grey
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Merchant

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Dissemination
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FD-417 (9-12-69)

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To: ☒ Director, Att.:
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☐ San Diego
☐ San Francisco
☐ San Juan
☐ Savannah
☐ Seattle
☐ Springfield
☐ Tampa
☐ Washington Field

RE: ⁰MAX KAGAN, aka. -
SM - C
OO:LA

Date 9/22/72

REMARKS:

Above subject was included in Category IV of the Adex. A review of the file has been completed and subject does not meet the new Adex criteria as set forth in SAC Memorandum 21-72.

File
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J.D.G.
SAC JOE DAVID JAMIESON

OFFICE LOS ANGELES

BUFILE 100-23439

LA FILE #: 100-28329

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)

DATE: 11/3/72

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)(C)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN, aka
SM - C

JULIA KAGAN
SM - C

Re O-1 received at Los Angeles 10/19/72.

By LHM dated 7/12/72 at Los Angeles the travel to the Soviet Union and return to the U. S. of captioned subjects was reported. Cover letter to LHM set forth leads for Washington Field to review records at Passport Office and obtain photographs of subjects.

By LHM dated 8/28/72 at Washington, D. C. captioned JULIA SCHULNER KAGAN, a review of passport information relating to JULIA KAGAN was made.

By LHM dated 9/20/72 at Washington, D. C. captioned MAX KAGAN, a review of passport information relating to MAX KAGAN was made.

Photographs of both MAX and JULIA KAGAN, taken 4/25/68 have been furnished Los Angeles by Washington Field.

JULIA KAGAN was not included in ADEX. MAX KAGAN was included in Category IV of ADEX and by routing slip dated 9/22/72, the Bureau was advised that review of MAX KAGAN's activities failed to qualify him for ADEX inclusion under existing criteria.

New photographs are being furnished U. S. Secret Service.

No further investigation is required at this time and cases are being closed.

4 - Bureau (RM)
(2 - 100-420546)
2 - Los Angeles
(1 - 100-42739)(C)

TJA/bab o-7 to LA for AA (cc o-7 attached)
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☐ Tokyo

Date **11/14/72**

RE:

Max Kagan

SM-C

Bufile (100-23439)

Julia Kagan

SM-C

Bufile (100-420546)

- ☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: **Reurlet 11/3/72, advising captioned cases being closed. As you should be aware, existing instructions require that no security investigation of an individual is to be closed unless subject is included in ADEX or consideration given to interview (see Sec. 87E, MOI, page 27, item 13a). It appears you have failed to furnish Bu your evaluations re interview. Handle promptly and advise Bu.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23439)

DATE: 12/21/72

FROM : ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES (100-28329)(C)

SUBJECT: MAX KAGAN
SM - C

Re Bureau 0-7 dated 11/14/72; report of SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD dated 9/29/61 at Los Angeles.

Referenced report contains results of interview conducted with KAGAN on 9/29/61 at which time he stated he would not talk to interviewing agents at that time and that he would not talk to agents under any circumstances at anytime.

Subsequent to this interview subject has maintained contact with and attended functions of Communist Party front groups such as "People's World", National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, Young Workers Liberation League, Women Strike for Peace, Women for Legislative Action. During 1972 he has become increasingly active in the Association for Friendship and Cultural Relation USA-USSR (AFCR).

[redacted] with MAX KAGAN, advised on 12/20/72 that KAGAN is very interested in and active in the AFCR, as well as being a very disciplined individual. [redacted] stated that he felt that reinterview with KAGAN would be fruitless as KAGAN would not be prone to cooperate with law enforcement, much less discuss his political philosophy.

Because of subject's prior statement of not talking to agents under any circumstances at any time, coupled with the opinion of [redacted] reinterview with subject will not be conducted.

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- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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☐ Washington Field

Date 11/16/72

RE: MAX KAGAN

Re Los Angeles letter dated 11/3/72.

REMARKS: FD-376 attached with photograph taken 3/15/72, for transmittal to United States, Secret Service. Photograph furnished Secret Service, Los Angeles.

ENCLOSURE

INT. SEC.

SAC JOE D. JAMIESON

FILE #: BU 100-23439
LA 100-28329

OFFICE LOS ANGELES

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

BU 100-23439

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. LA 100-28329

November 16, 1972

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: MAX KAGAN

Dear Sir:

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3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

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Very truly yours,

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Acting Director

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